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RAMANUJA

AGURI KESHAVACHARYA, A DEVOUT BRAHMANA OF SRIPERAMBUDUR,* PERFORMED A FIRE SACRIFICE AS HE DESIRED A SON.

IN DUE COURSE, HIS WIFE, KANTIMATI, GAVE BIRTH TO A SON. HER BROTHER, THE PIOUS SHAILA PURNA, CALLED ON THE COUPLE AND BLESSED THE CHILD.

YOUR SON WILL BE AS DEVOTED TO GOD AS LAKSHMANA WAS TO RAMA. CALL HIM RAMANUJA.

RAMANUJA GREW UP TO BE AN INTELLIGENT BOY. HIS COUSIN, GOVINDA, WAS HIS CONSTANT COMPANION.

RAMANUJA IS VERY KEEN ON LEARNING.

* A VILLAGE NEAR MADRAS

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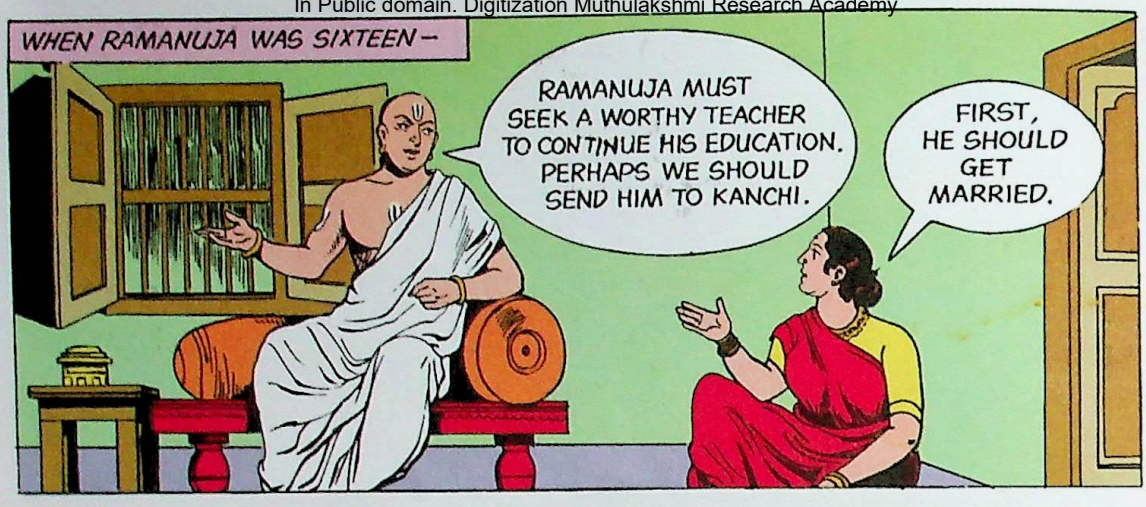

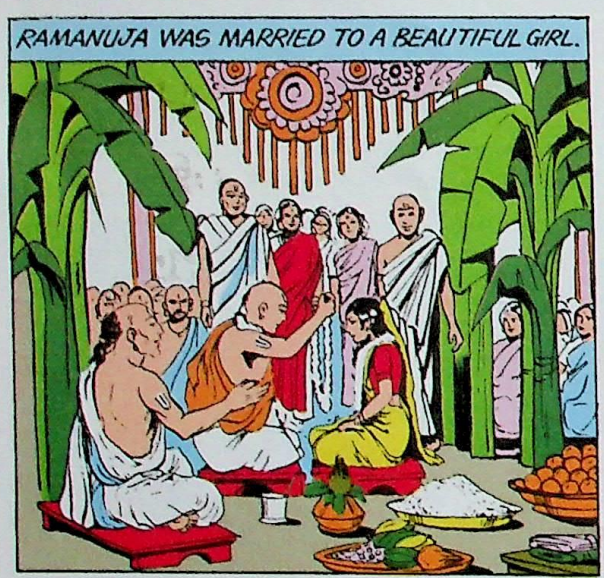

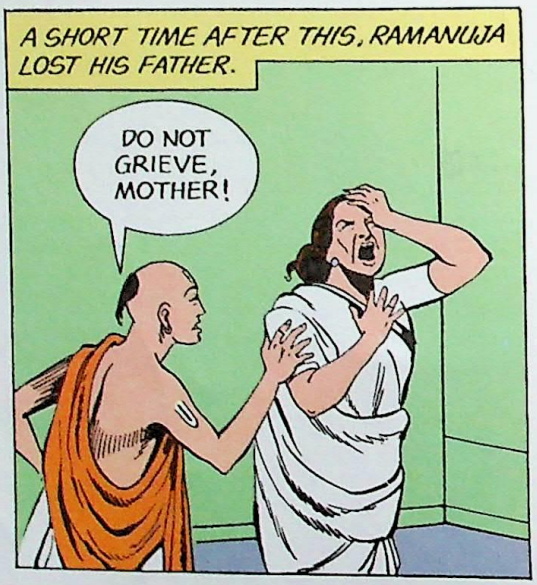

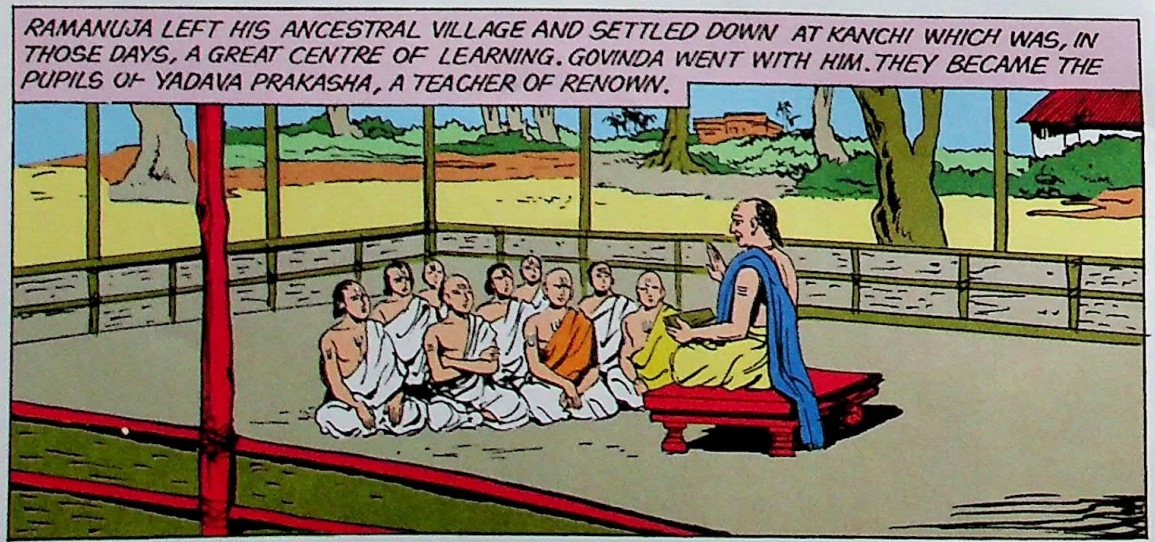

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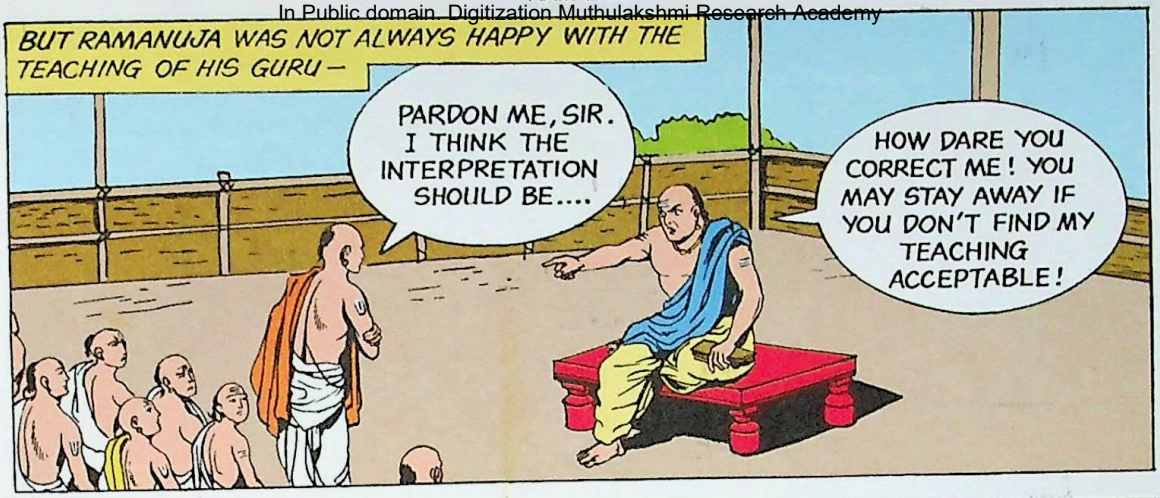

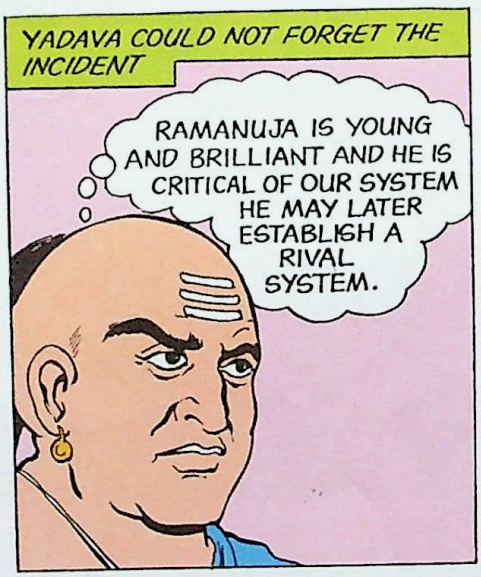

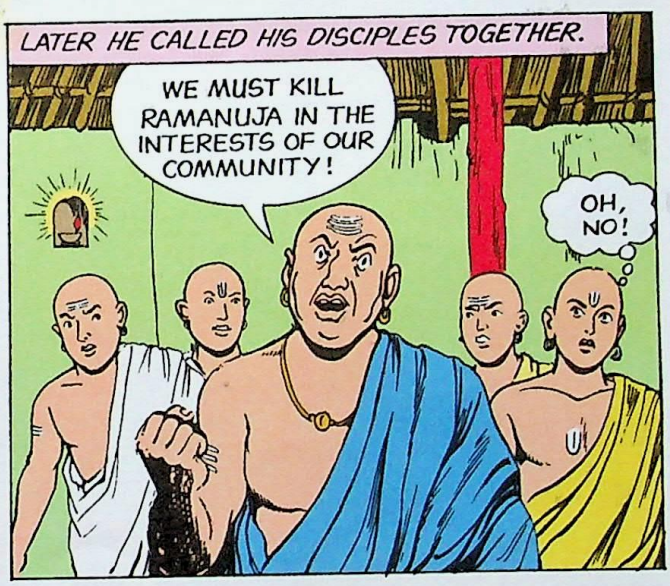

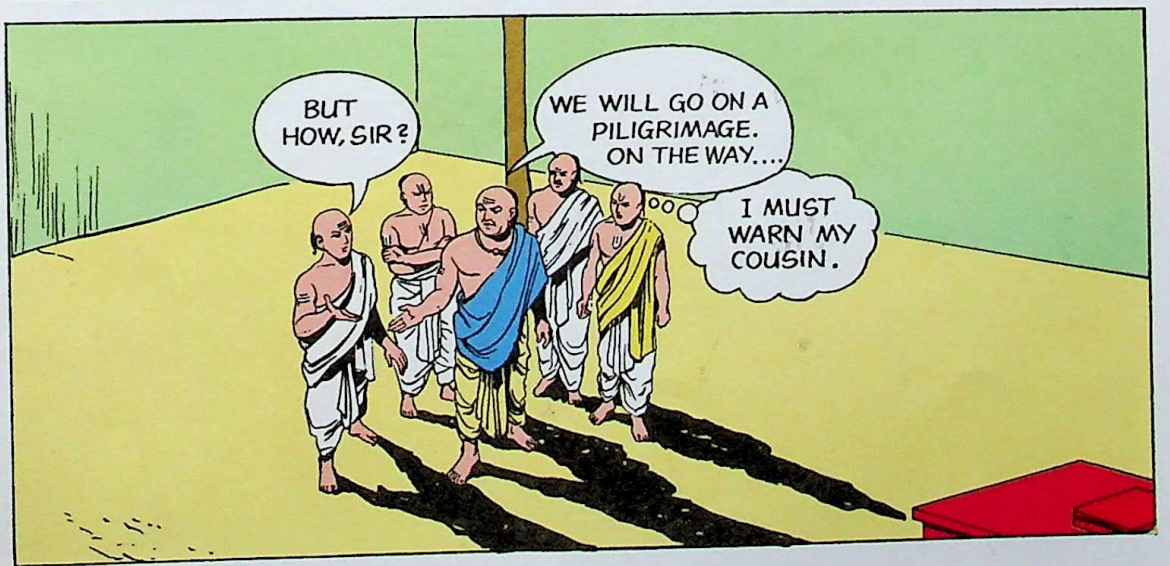

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AS PLANNED, YADAVA SET OUT ON A PILGRIMAGE WITH HIS DISCIPLES.

ON THE WAY, THEY SPENT THE NIGHT UNDER A TREE. BEFORE DAYBREAK—

RAMANUJA! YOU MUST LEAVE THIS PLACE AT ONCE!

WHY? WHAT'S THE MATTER, GOVINDA?

WHEN GOVINDA TOLD HIM ABOUT THE CONSPIRACY—

NO, GOVINDA, I AM NOT AFRAID TO DIE! I WON'T RUN AWAY!

YOU MUST—TO SAVE OUR TEACHER FROM THE SIN OF MURDER.

RAMANUJA FINALLY YIELDED TO GOVINDA'S PLEAS.

WHICH IS THE WAY BACK TO KANCHI? WHO CAN GUIDE ME EXCEPT LORD NARAYANA?

THEN HE SAW A FOWLER AND HIS WIFE.

CHILD, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

TO KANCHI. BUT I HAVE LOST MY WAY.

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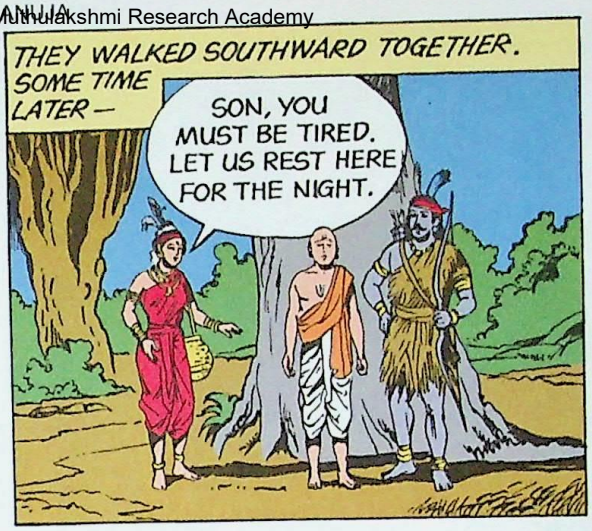

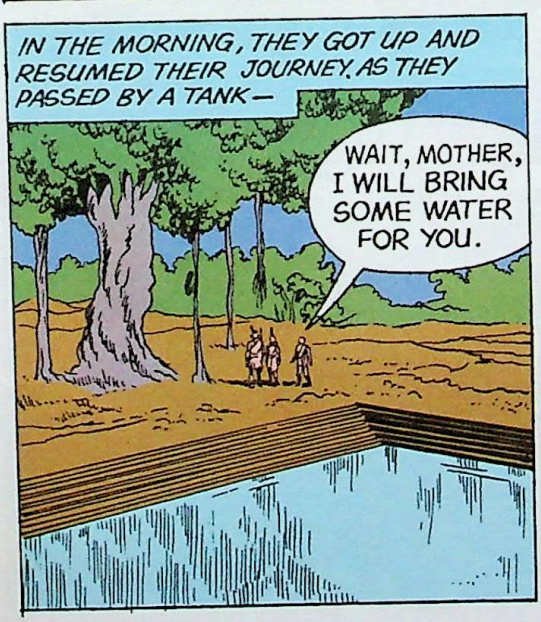

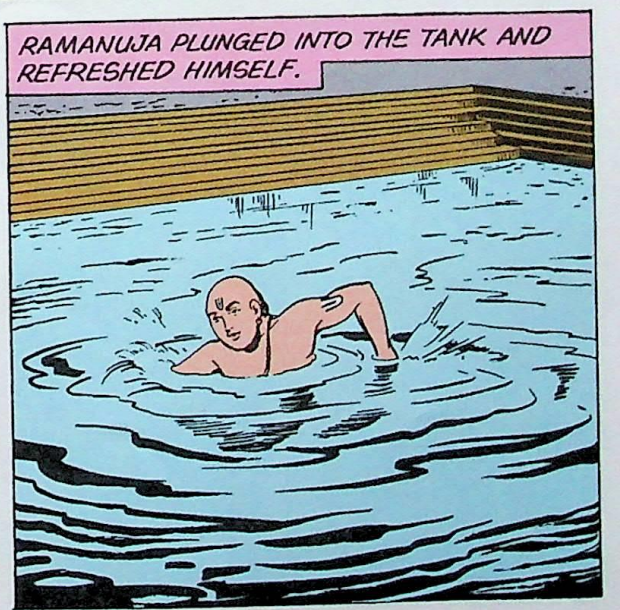

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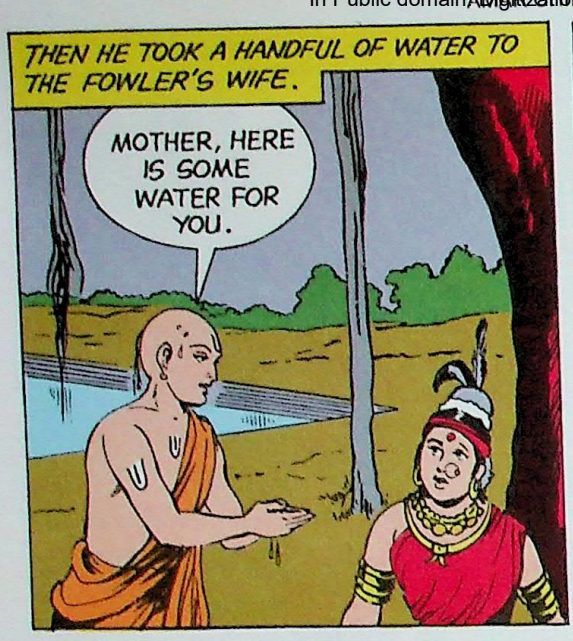

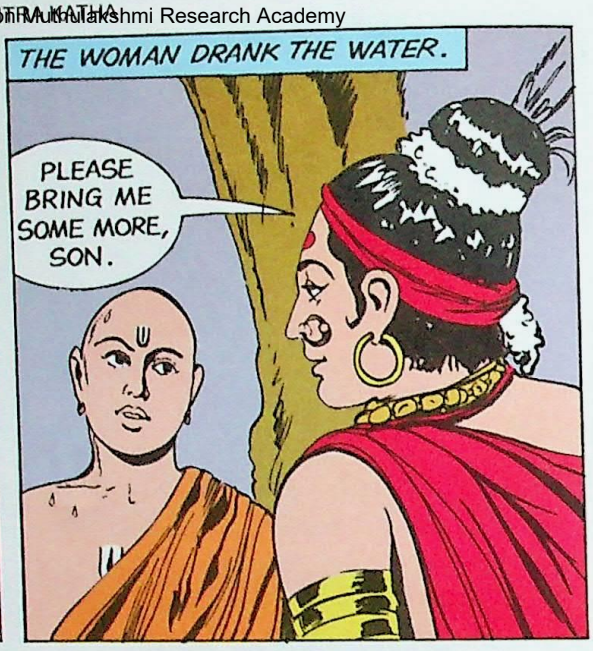

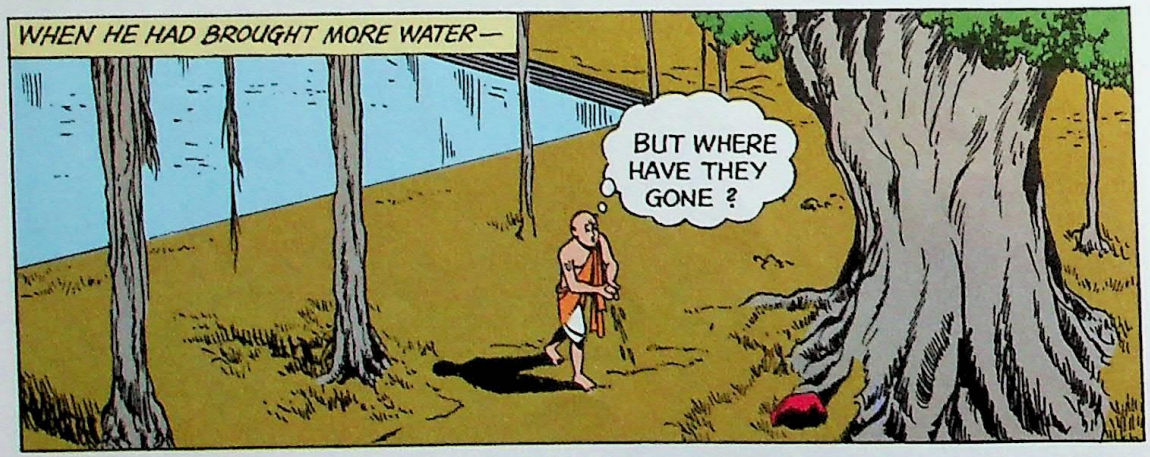

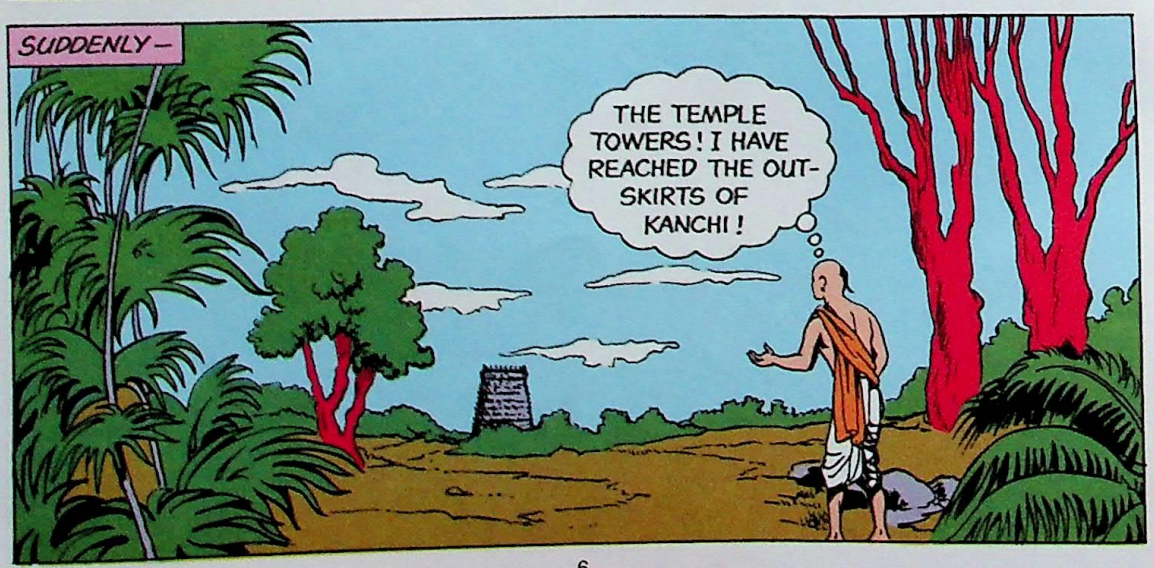

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RAMANUJA WENT STRAIGHT TO THE TEMPLE OF LORD VARADARAJA.*

LORD, IT WAS YOU IN THE GUISE OF A FOWLER! YOU CAME TO SHOW ME THE WAY! I DEDICATE MY LIFE TO YOU!

MEANWHILE —

YOU SAY YOU CAN'T FIND RAMANUJA? WHERE DID YOU SEE HIM LAST?

I SAW HIM WALKING TOWARDS THE FOREST, SIR.

PERHAPS HE'S BEEN KILLED BY A WILD ANIMAL!

ON HIS RETURN TO KANCHI, HOWEVER, YADAVA DISCOVERED THAT RAMANUJA WAS VERY MUCH ALIVE.

DOES HE SUSPECT ME? I'D BETTER SEND FOR HIM AND FIND OUT.

* ANOTHER NAME FOR LORD VISHNU

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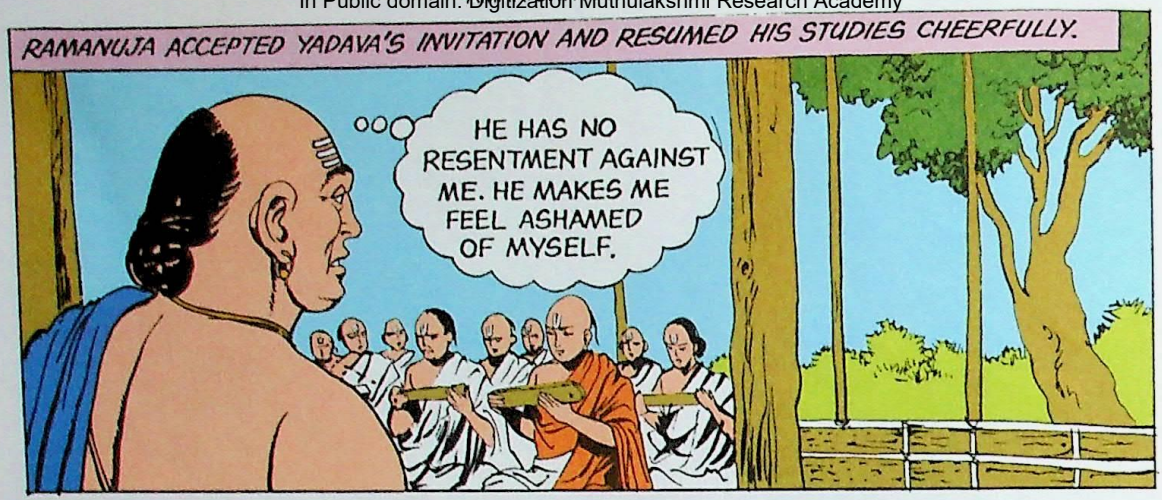

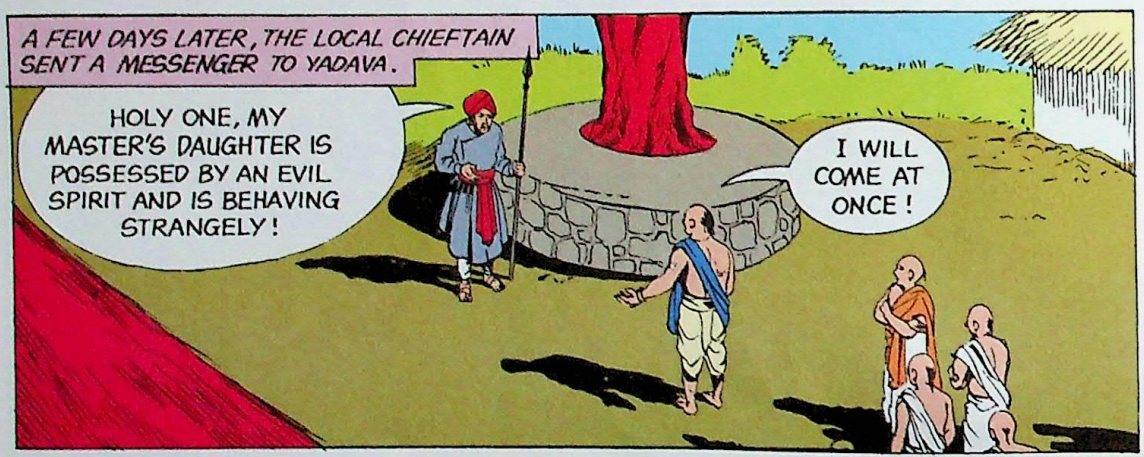

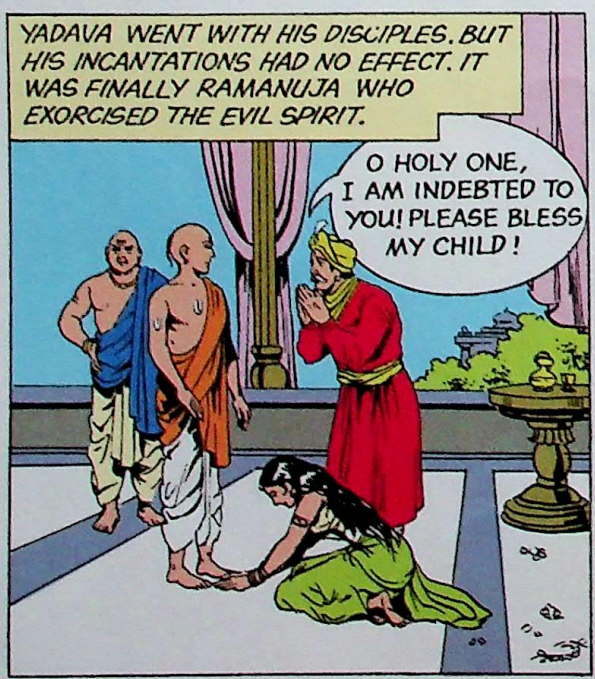

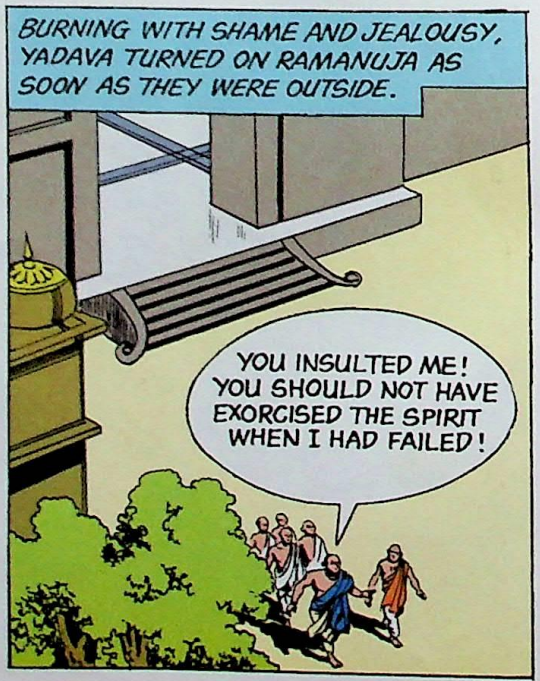

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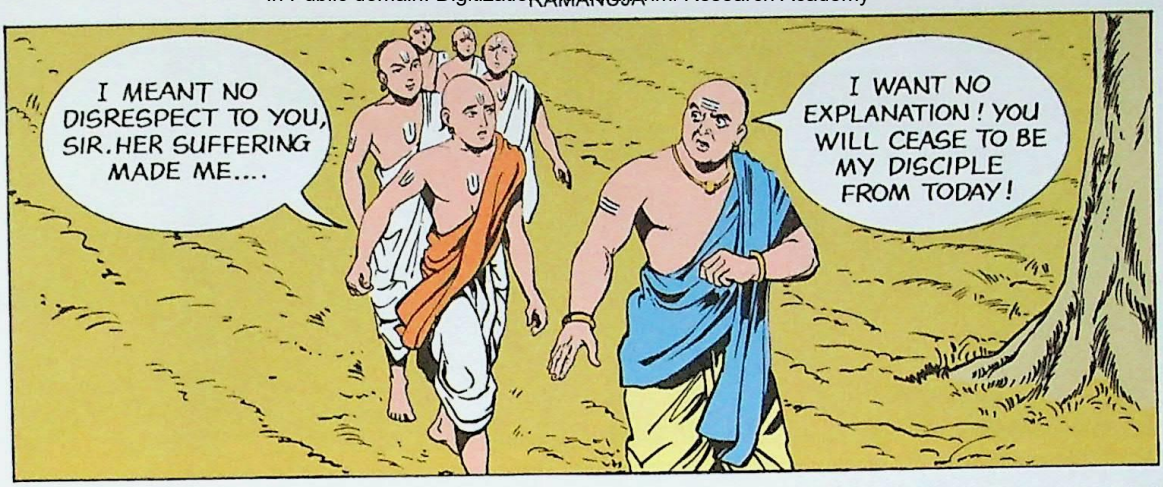

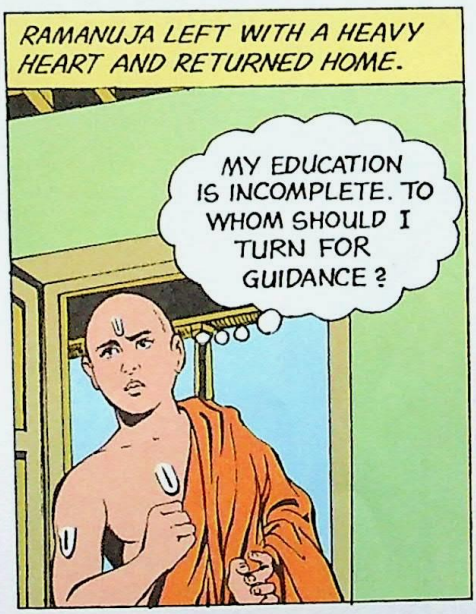

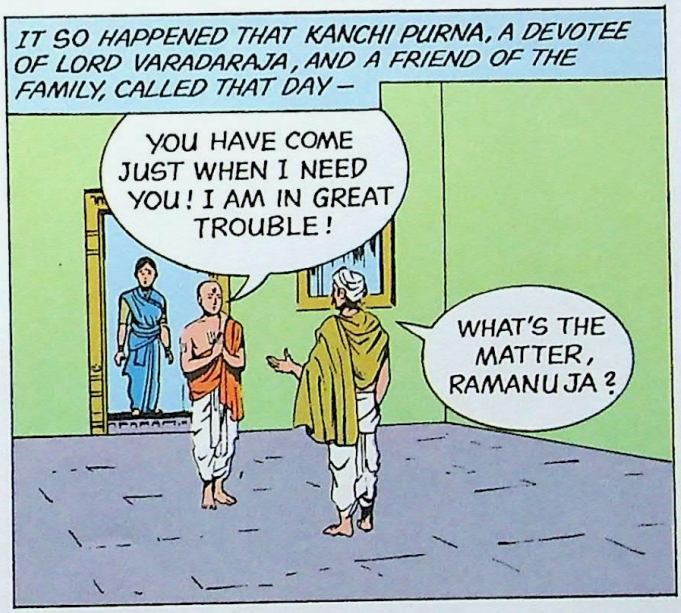

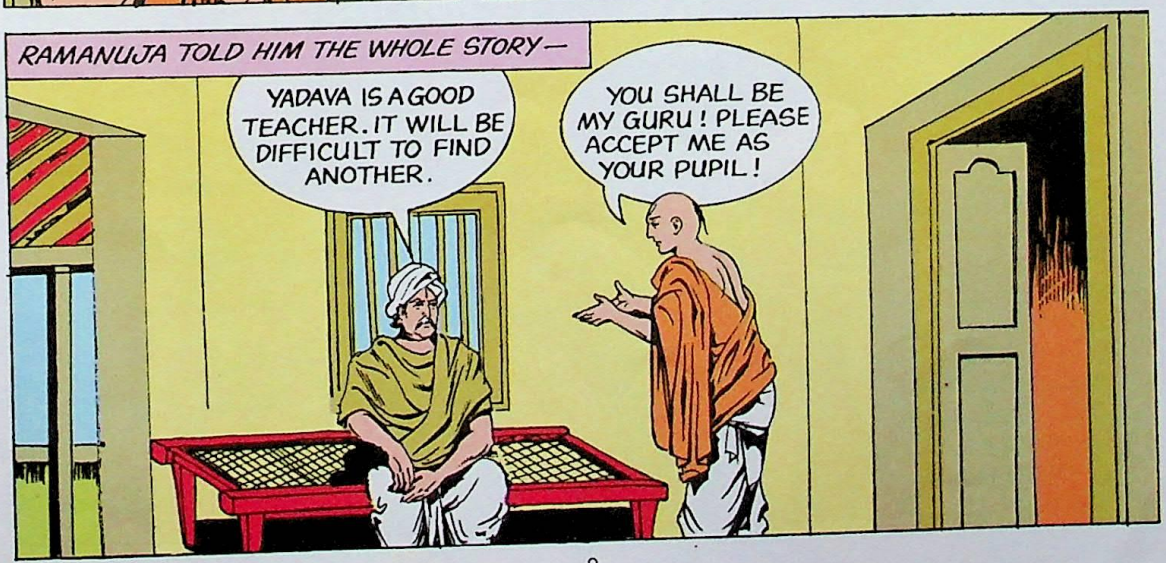

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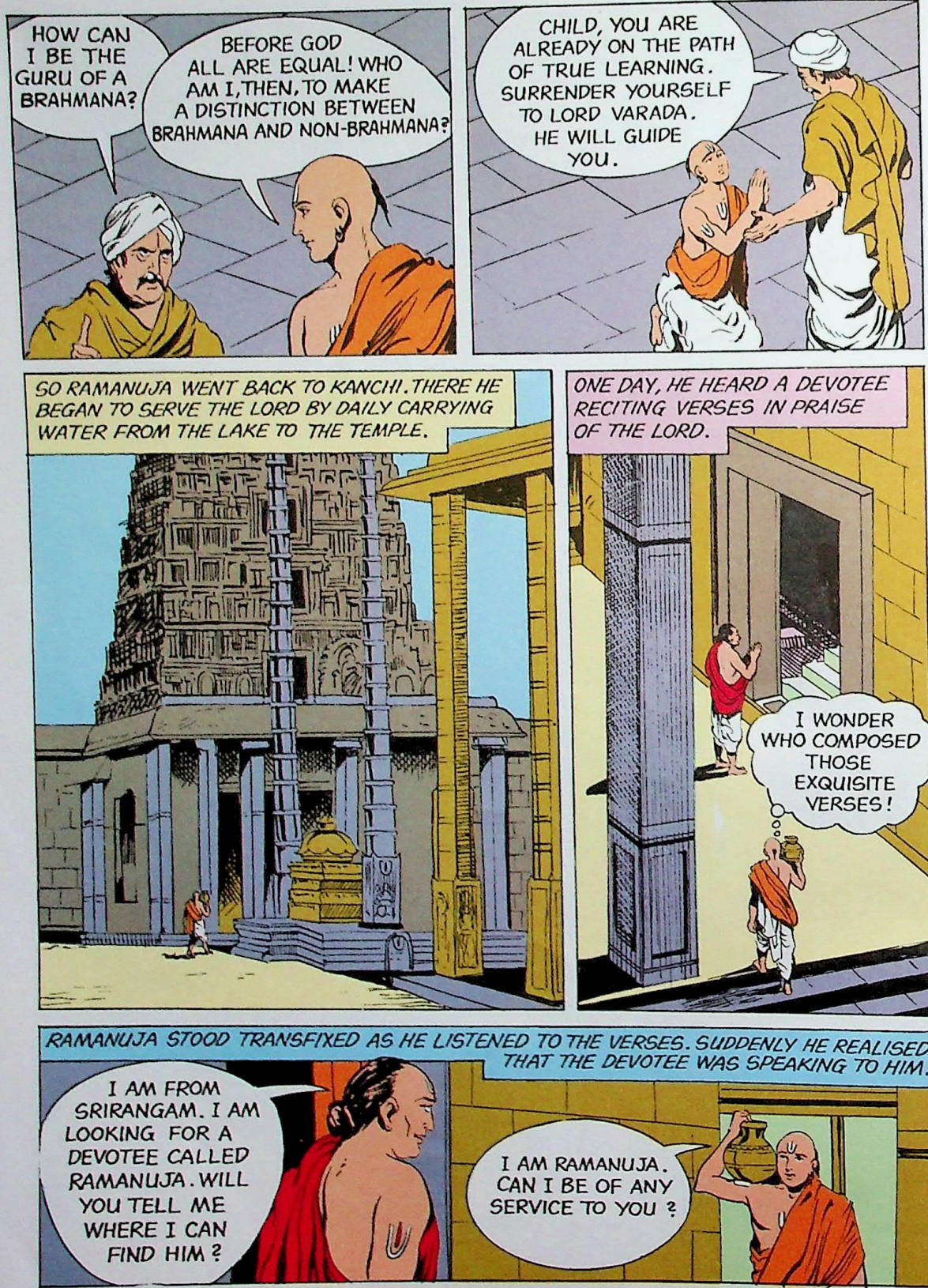

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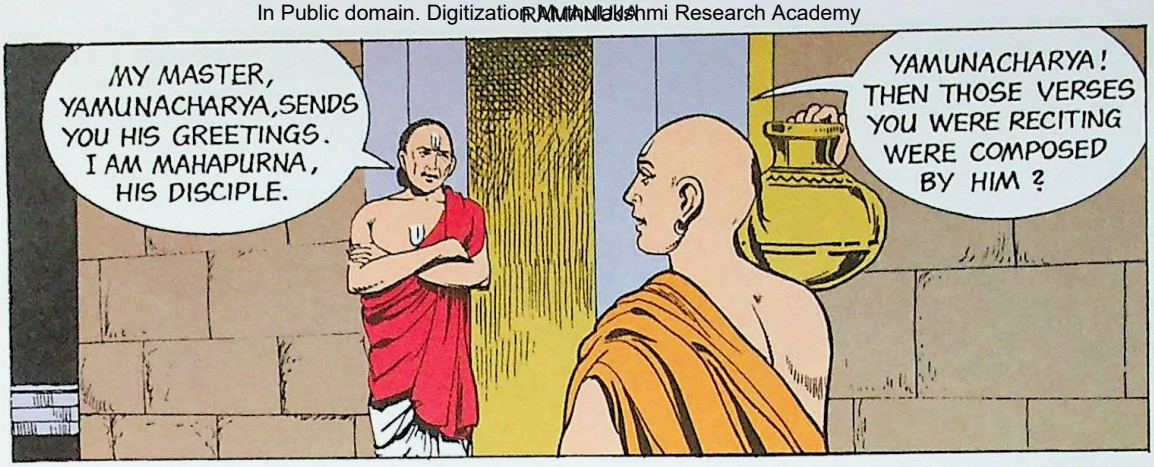

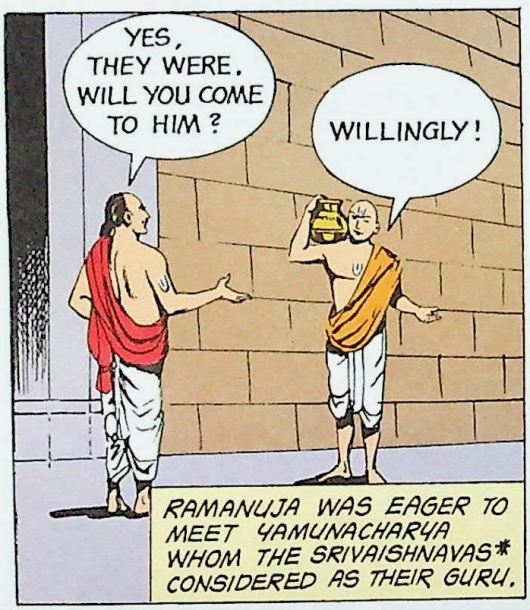

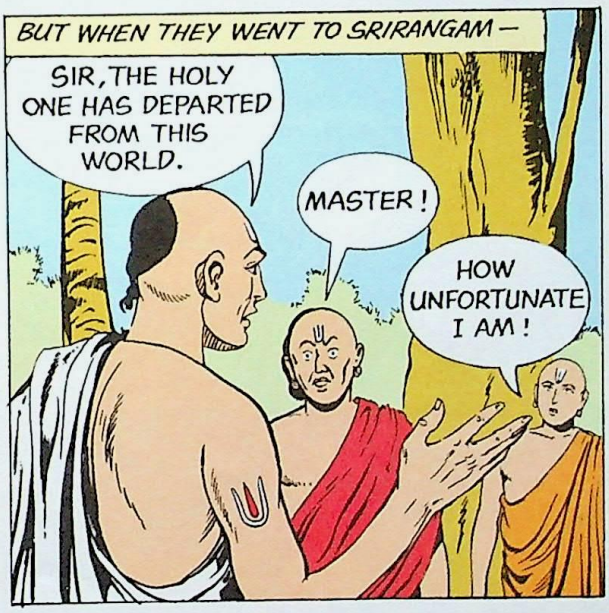

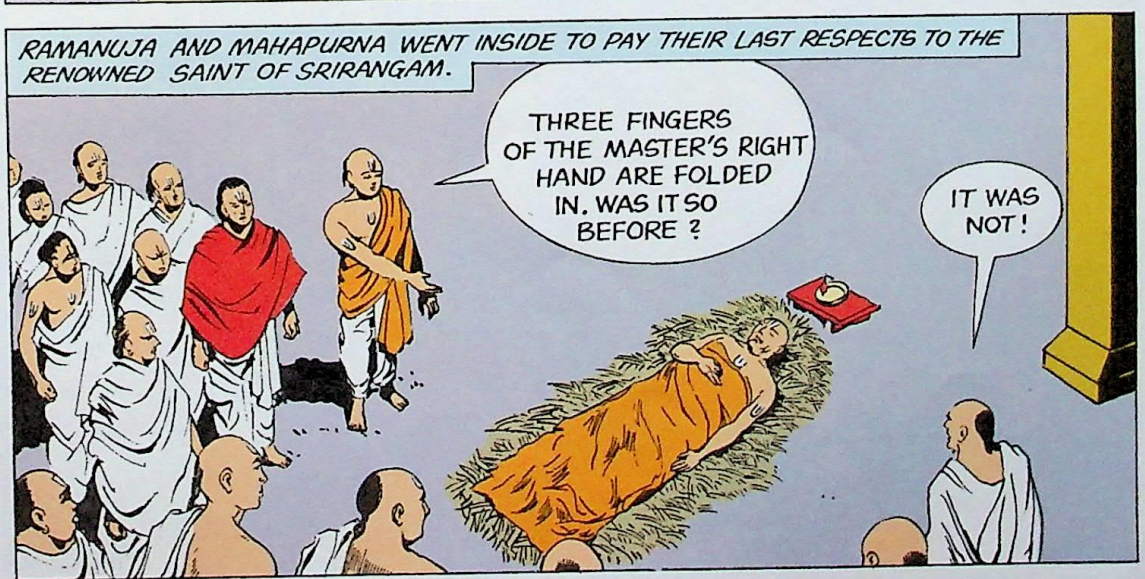

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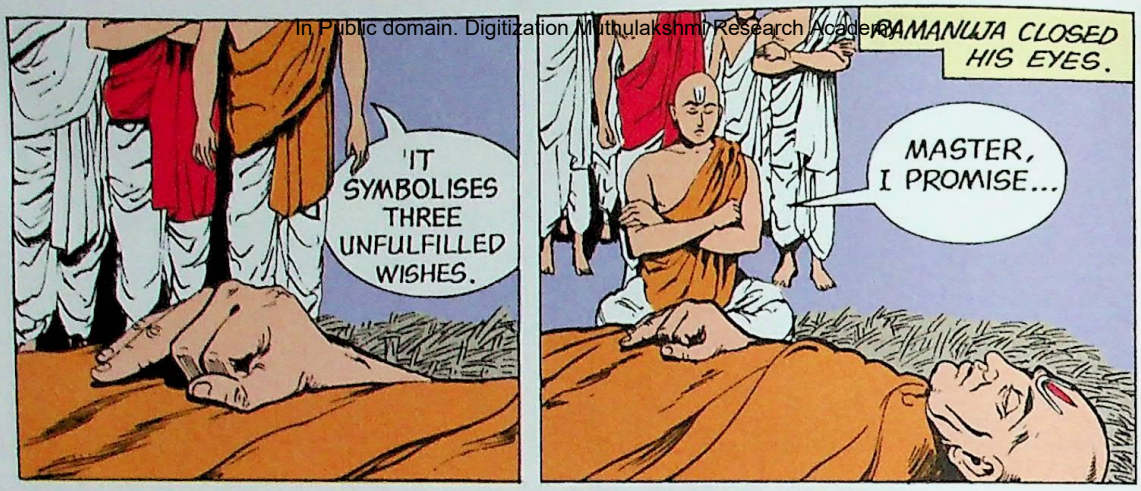

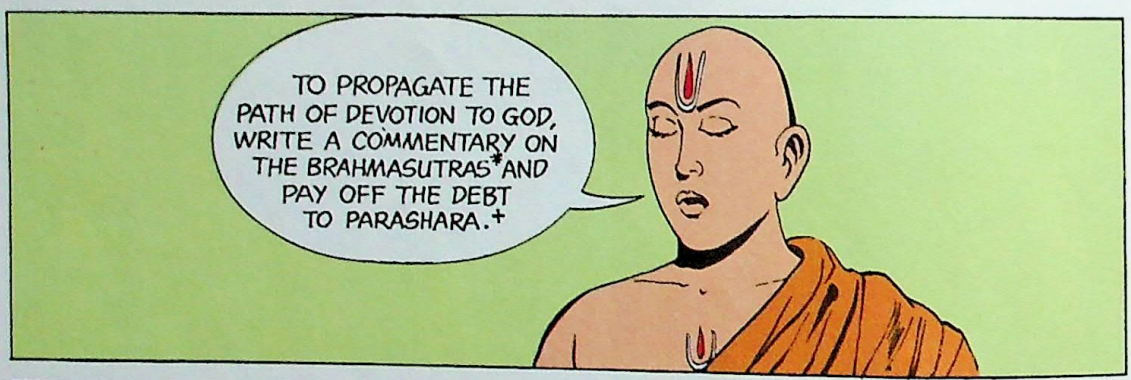

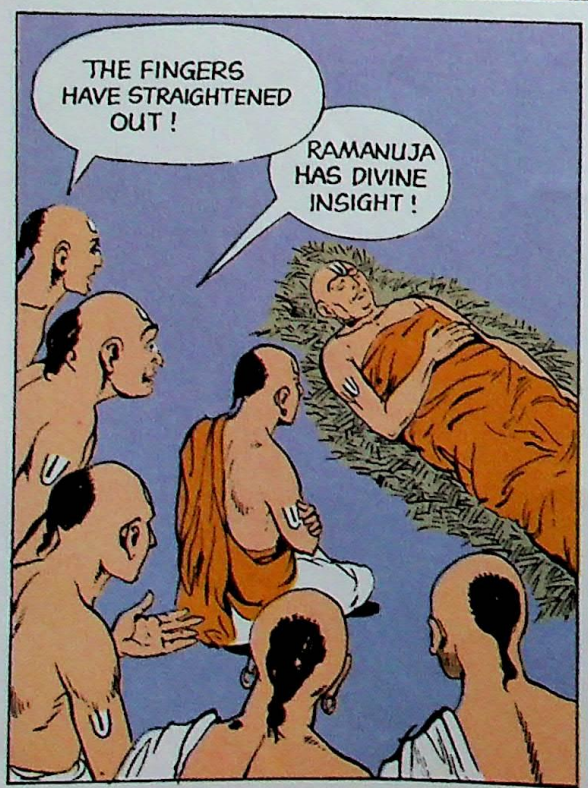

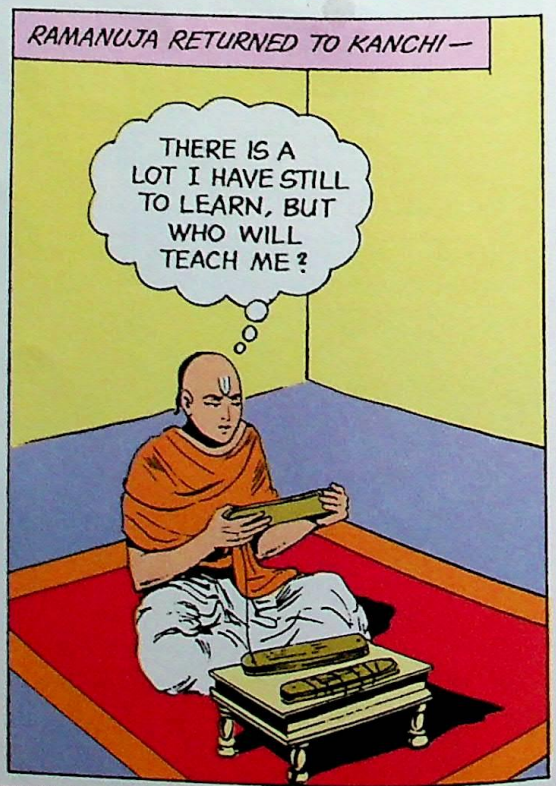

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+A GREAT SAGE, FATHER OF VEDAVYASA

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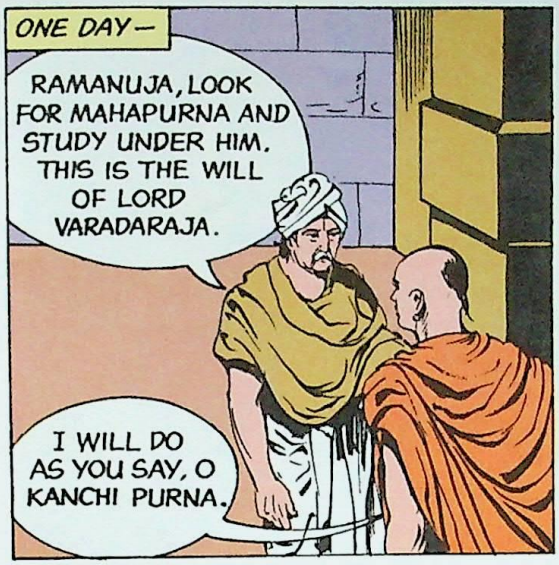

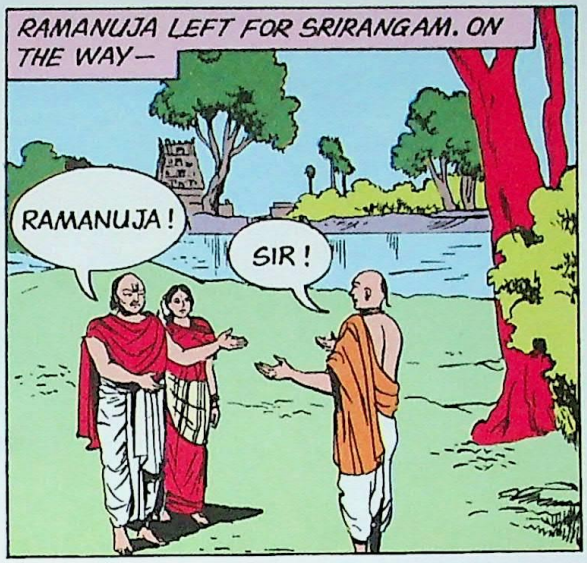

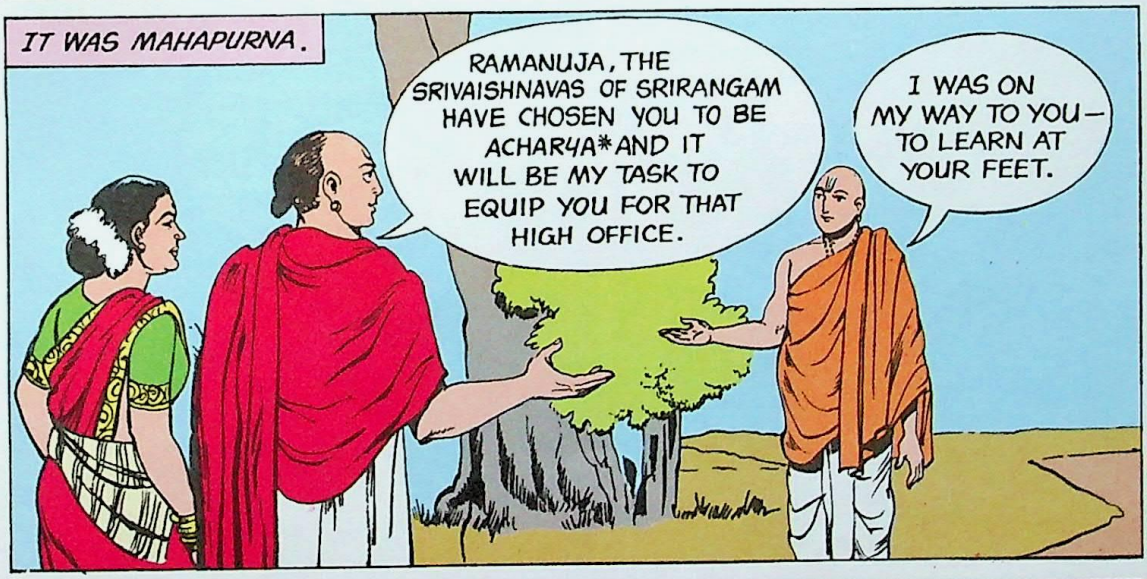

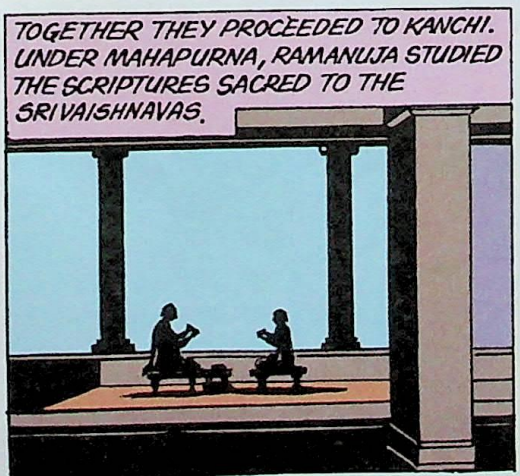

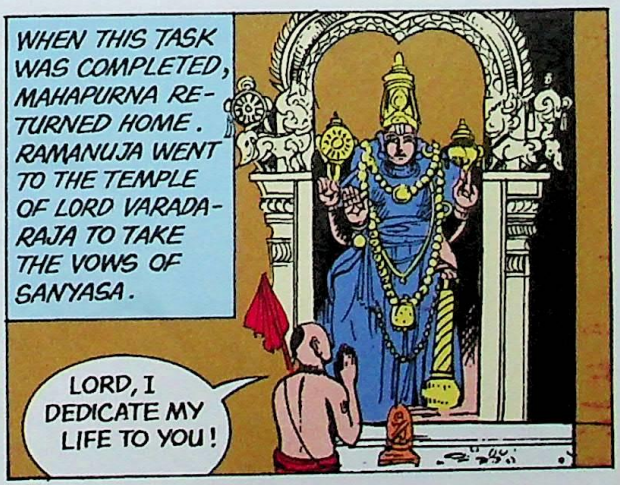

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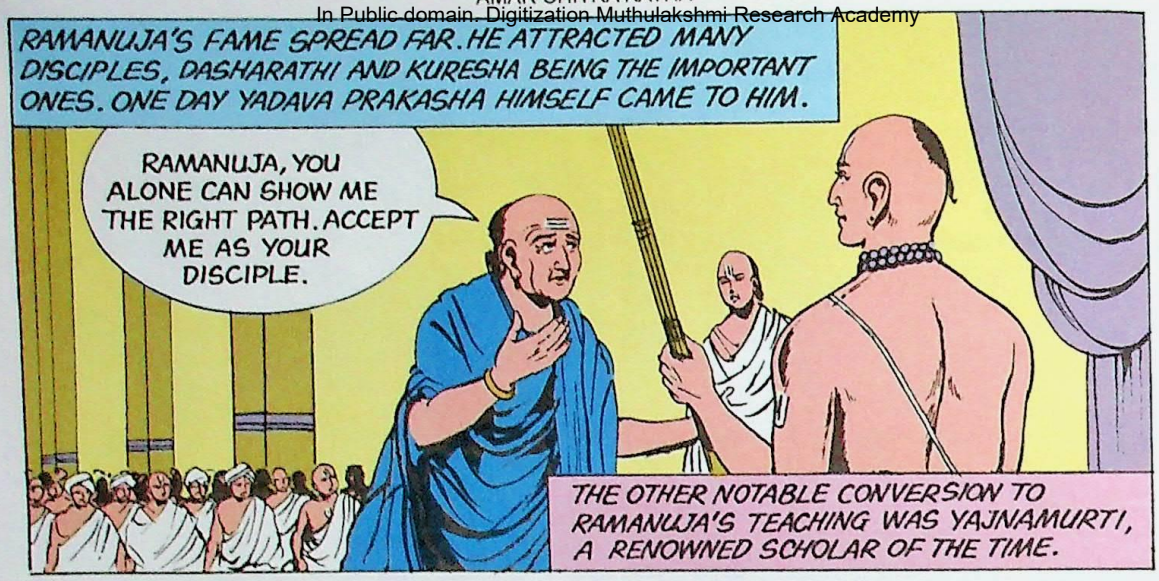

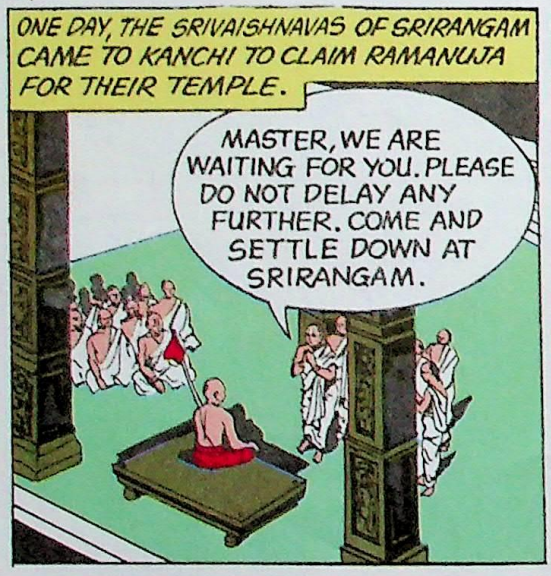

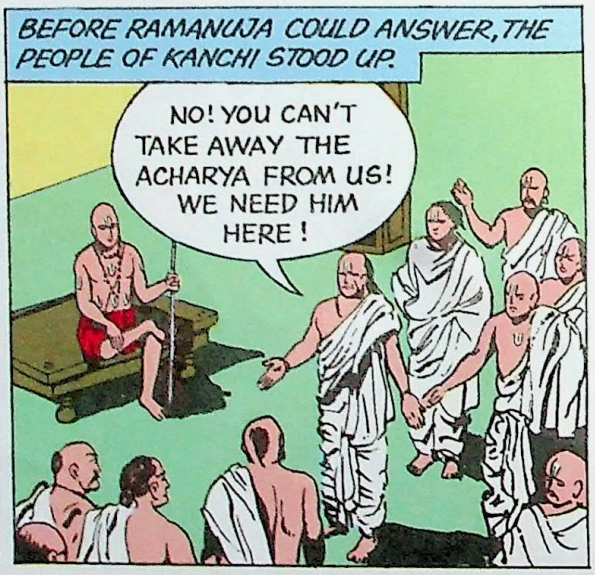

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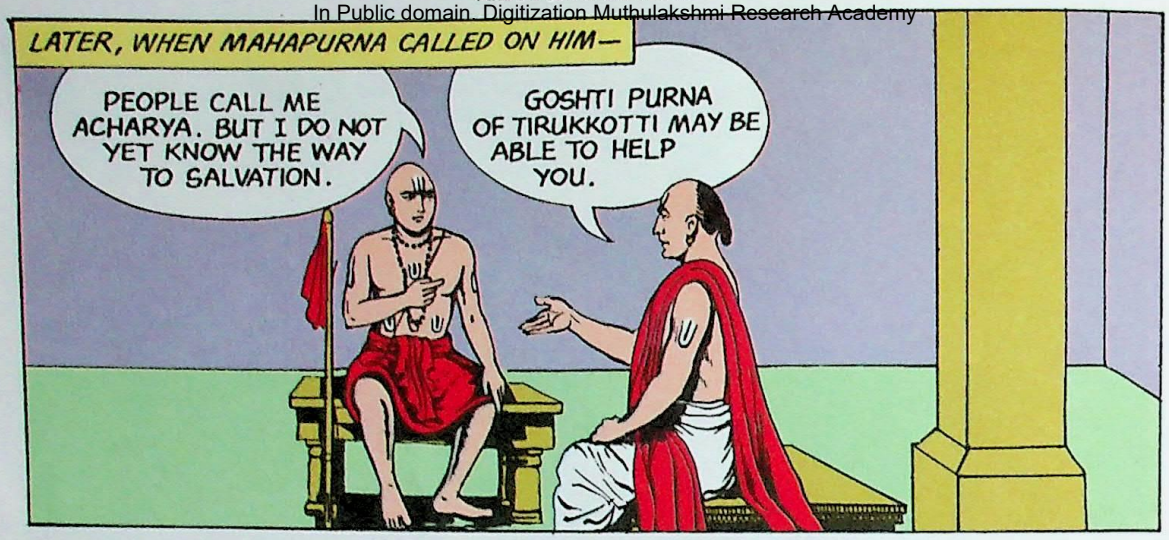

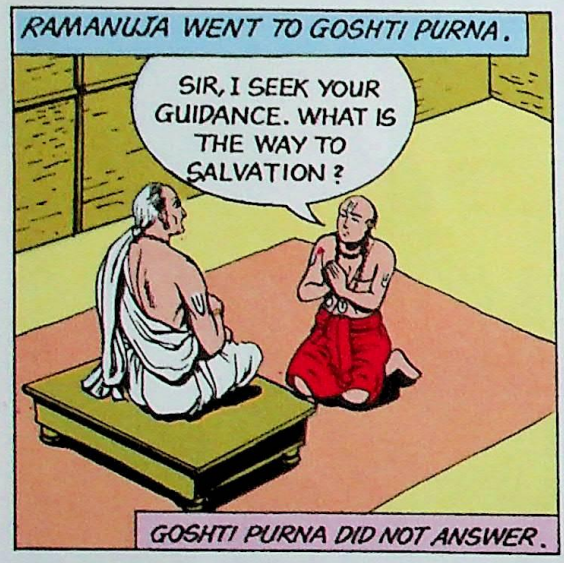

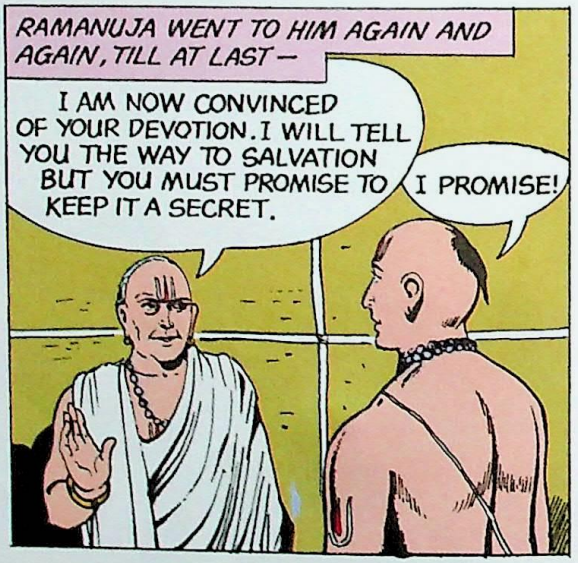

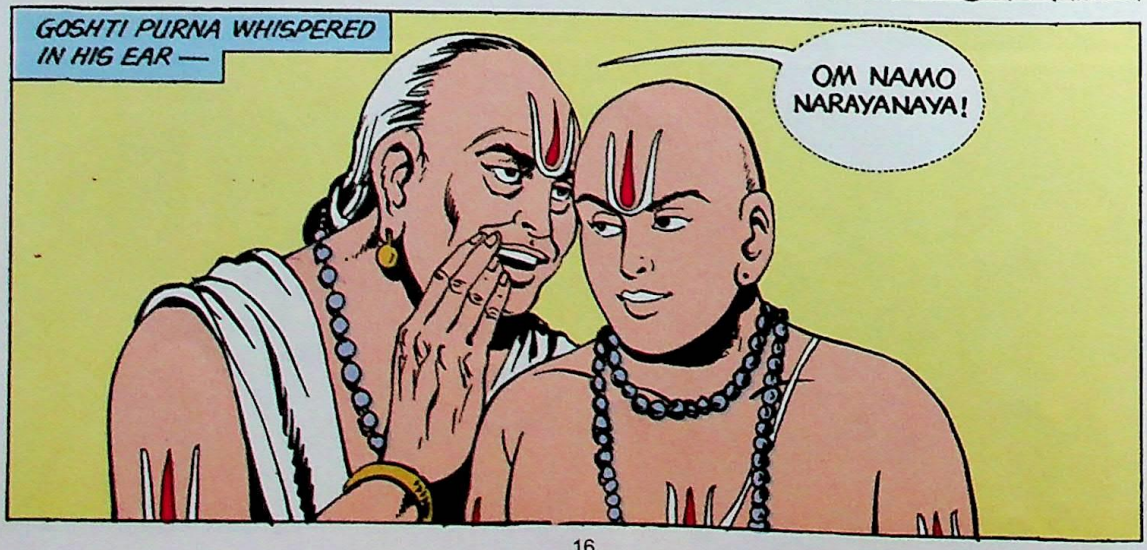

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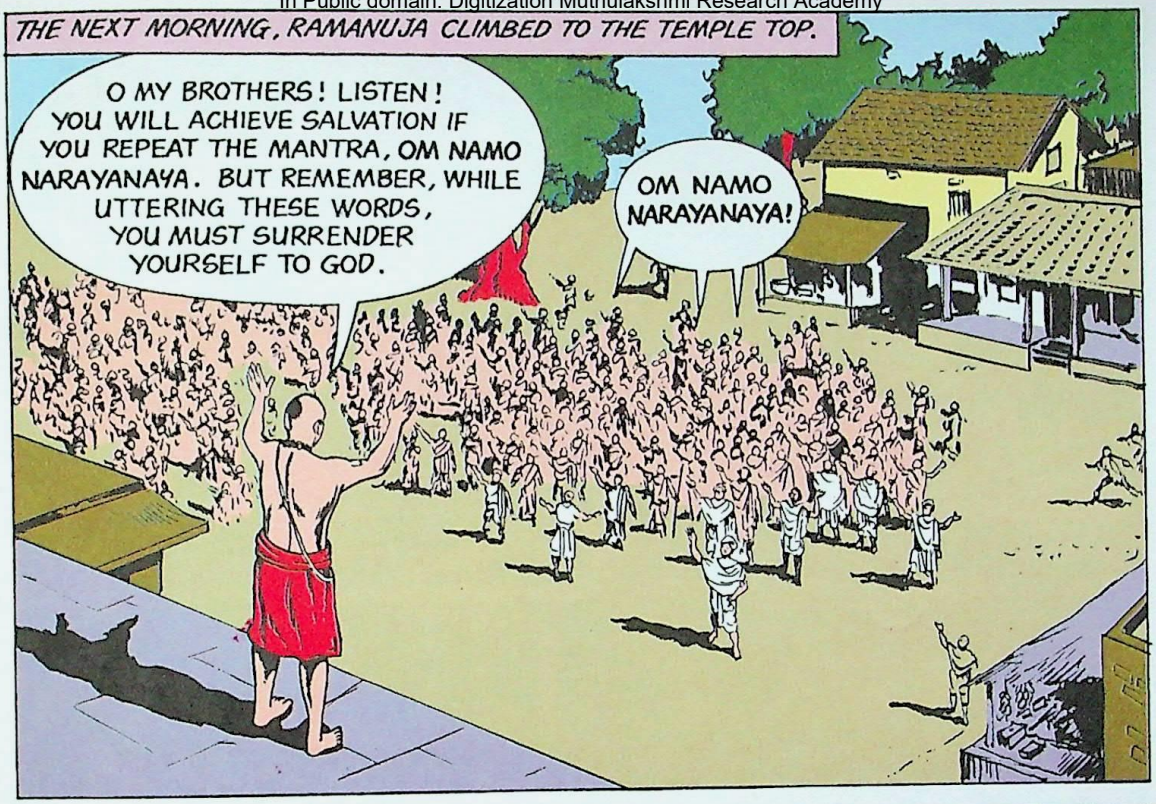

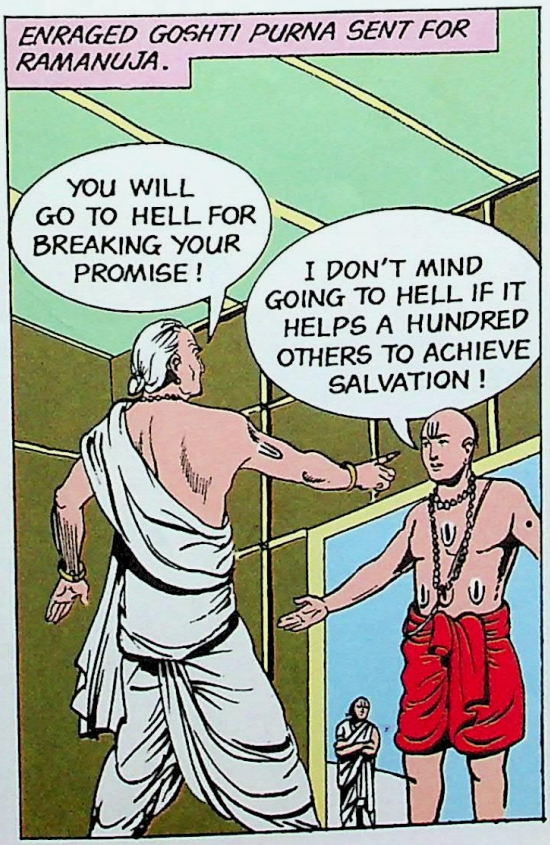

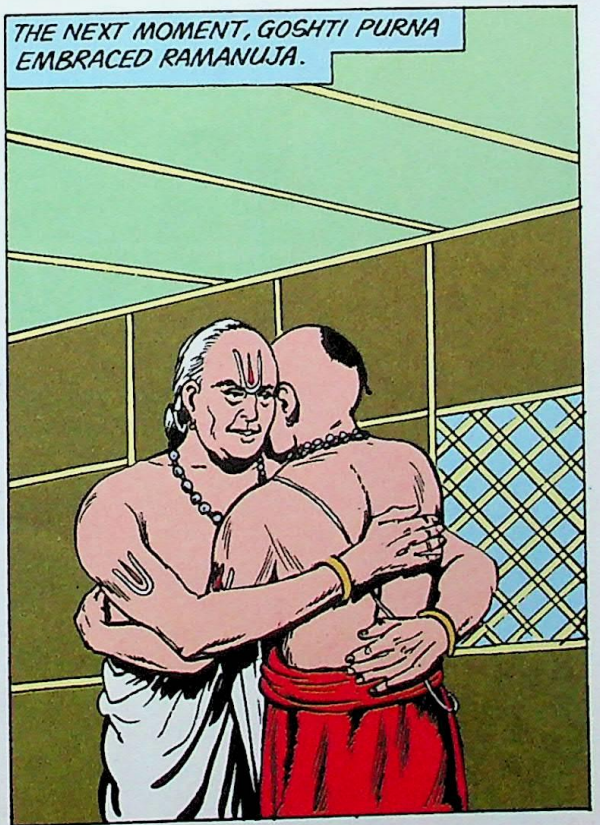

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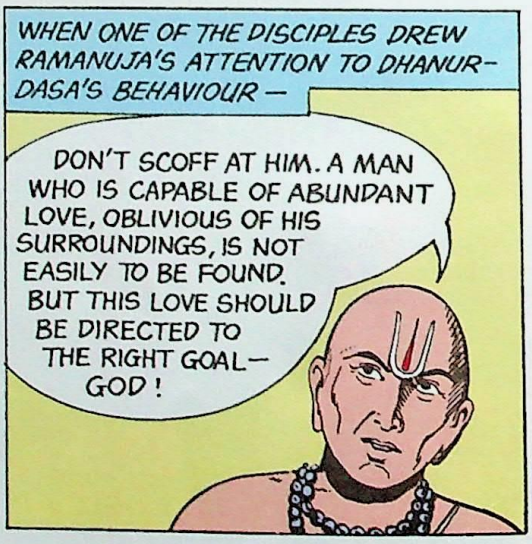

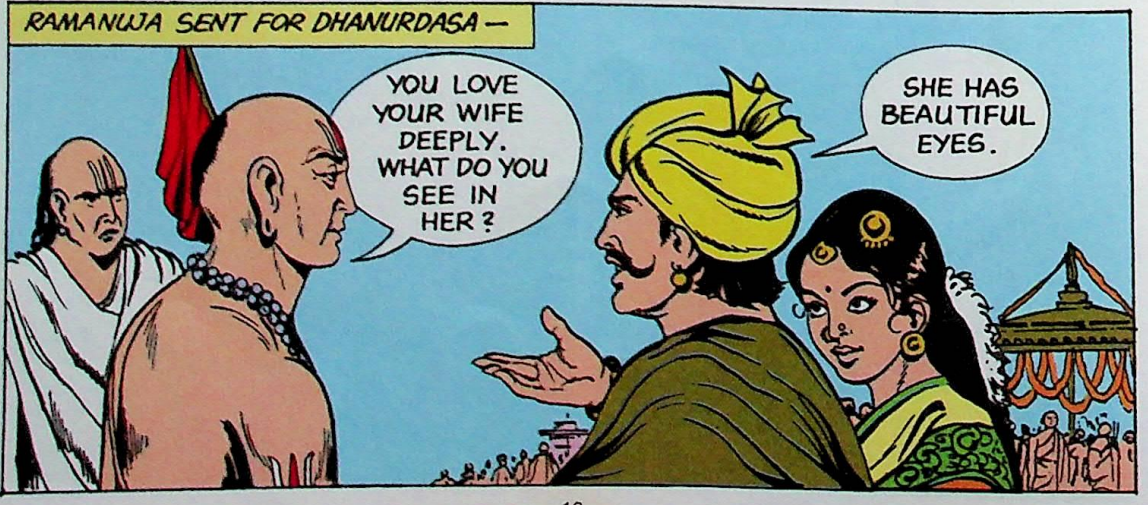

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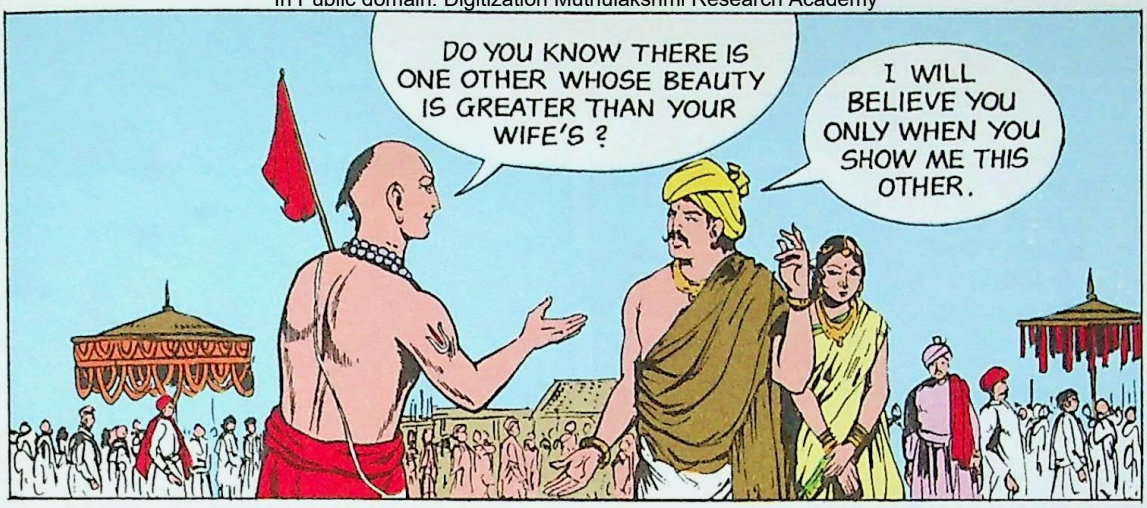

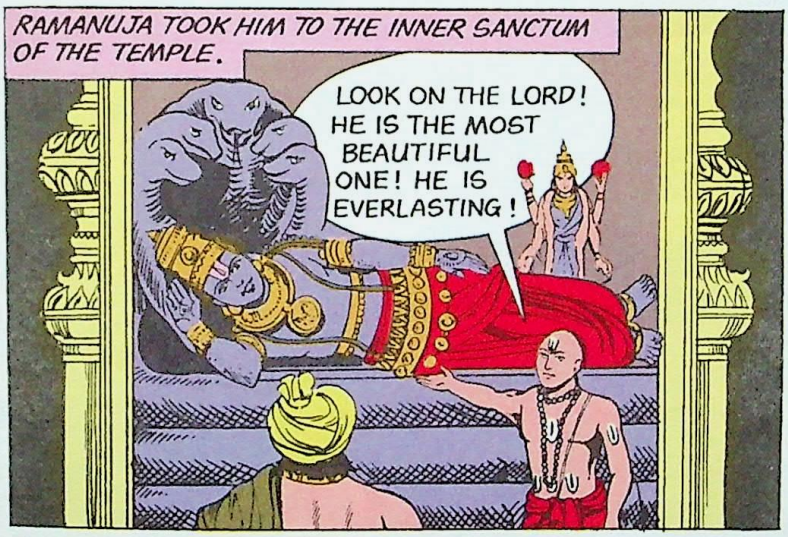

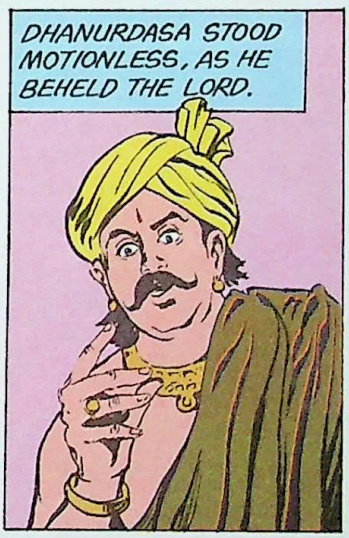

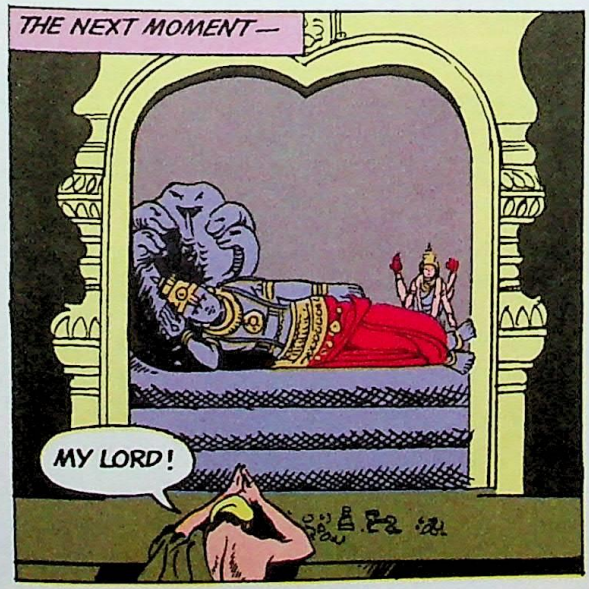

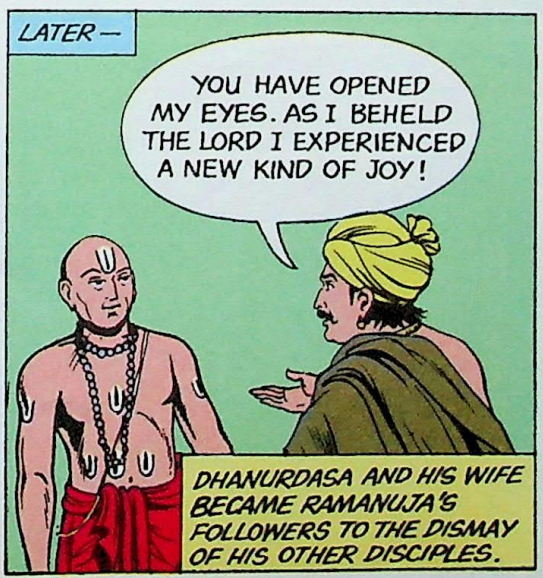

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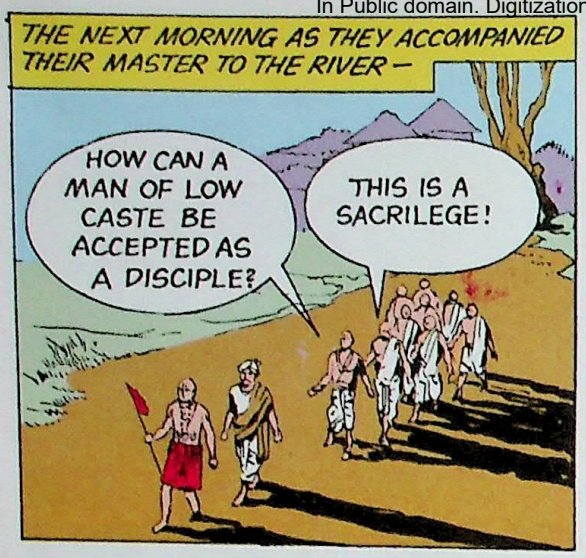

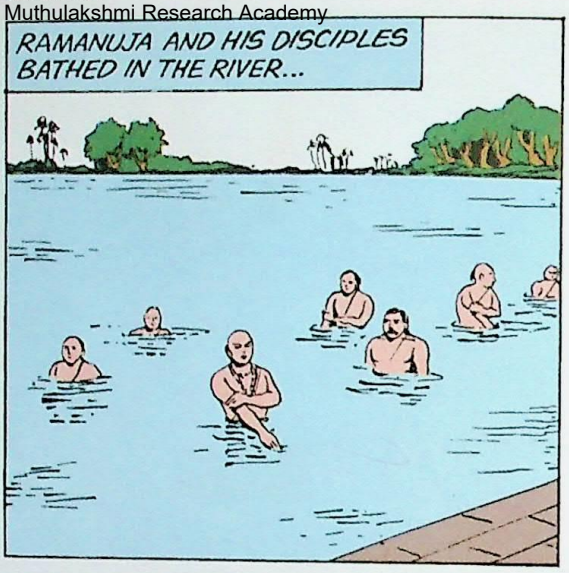

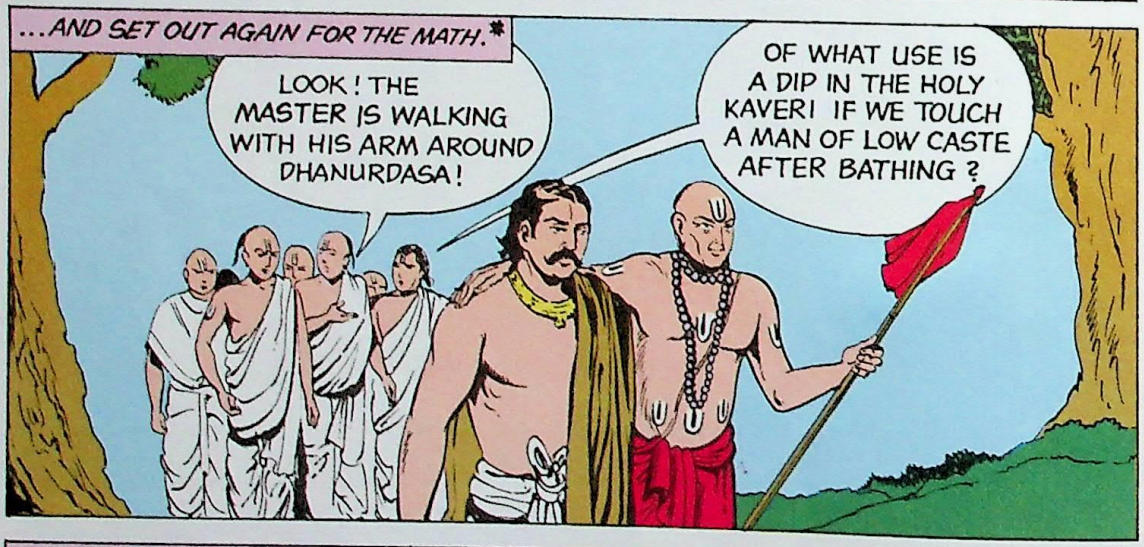

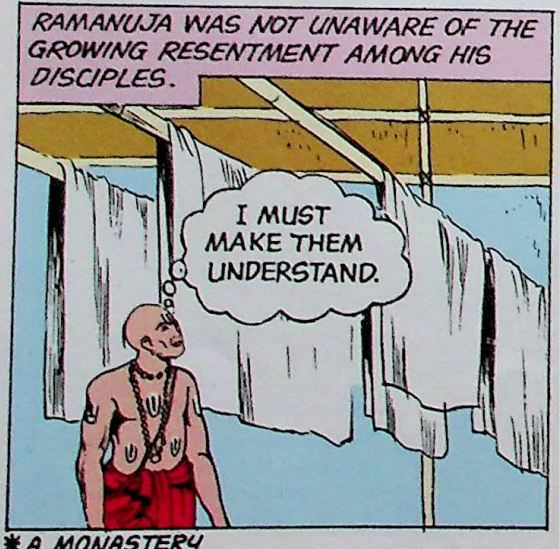

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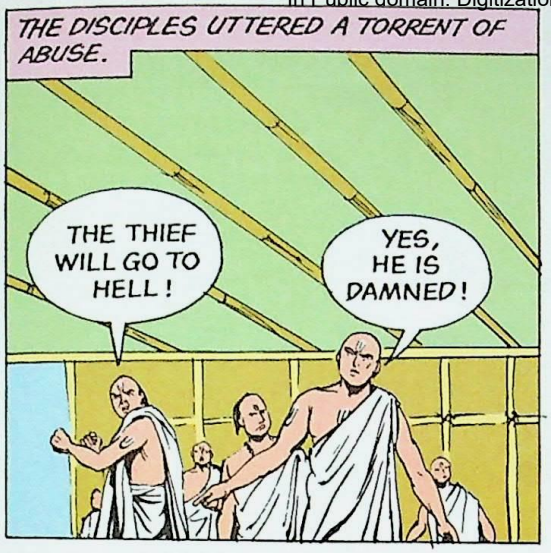

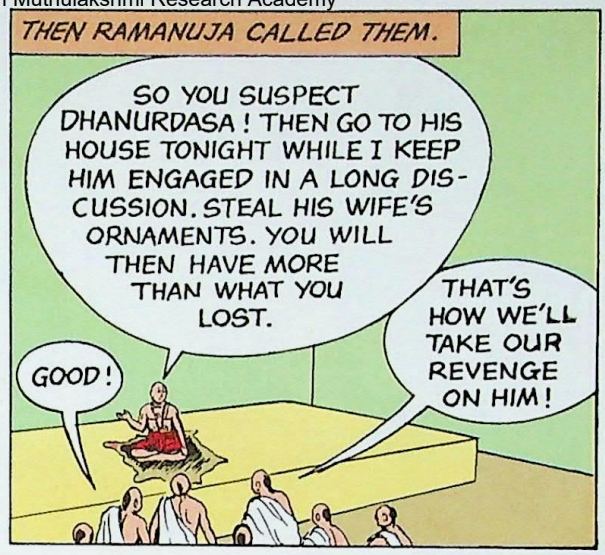

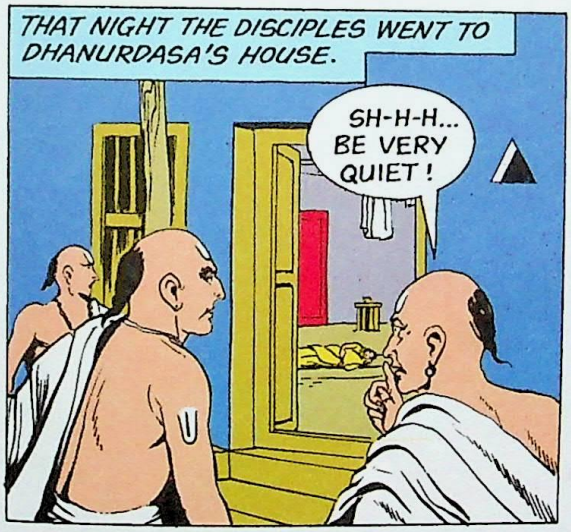

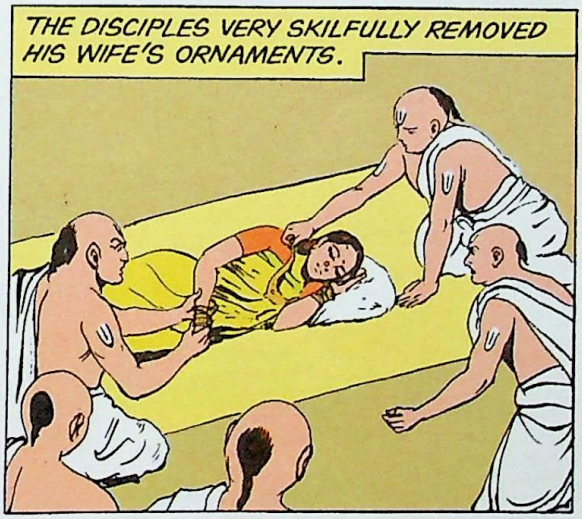

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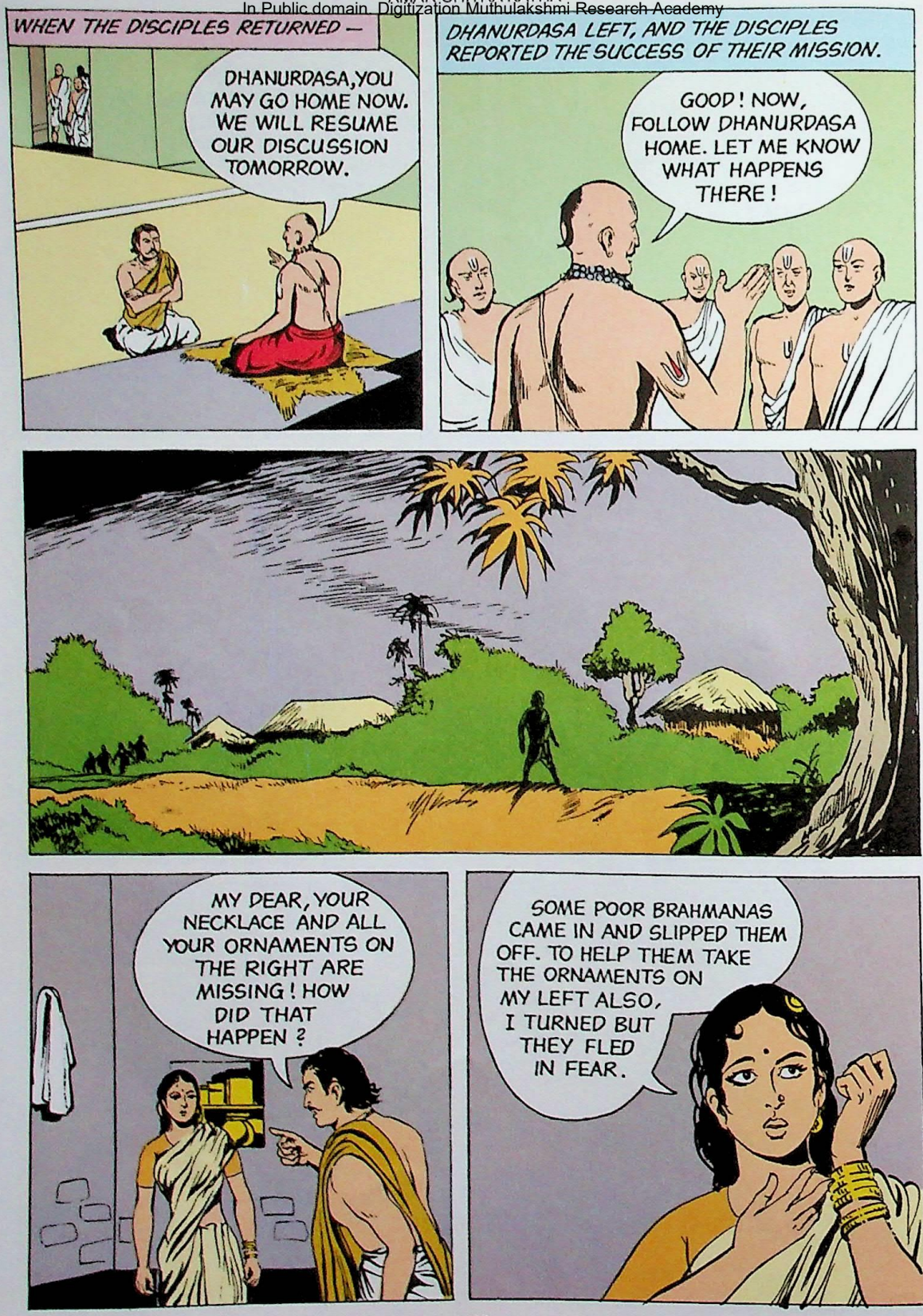

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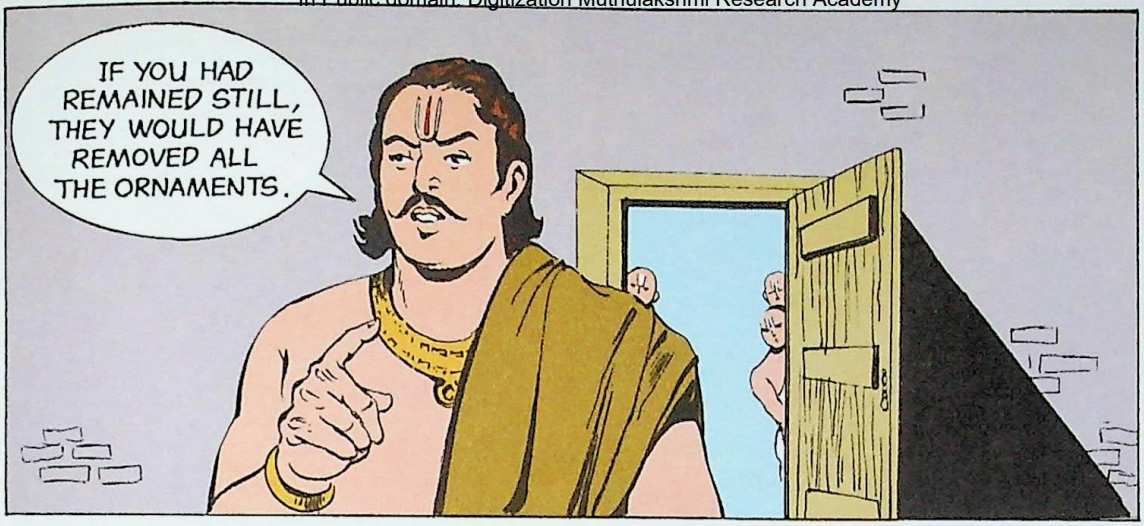

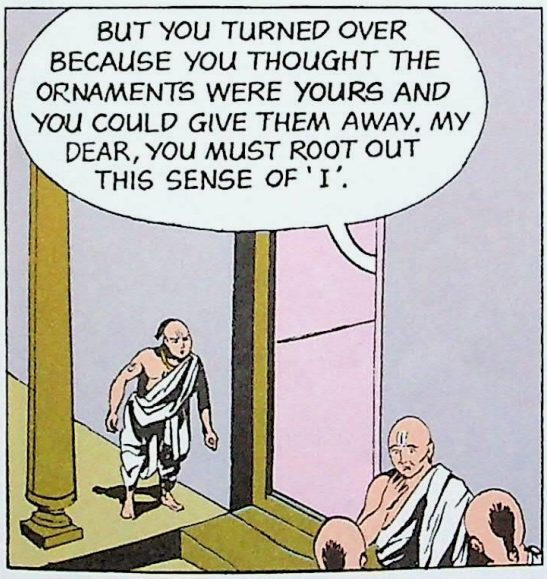

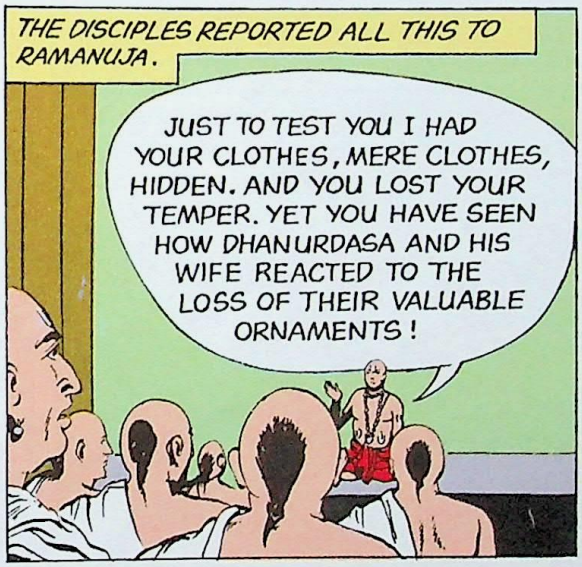

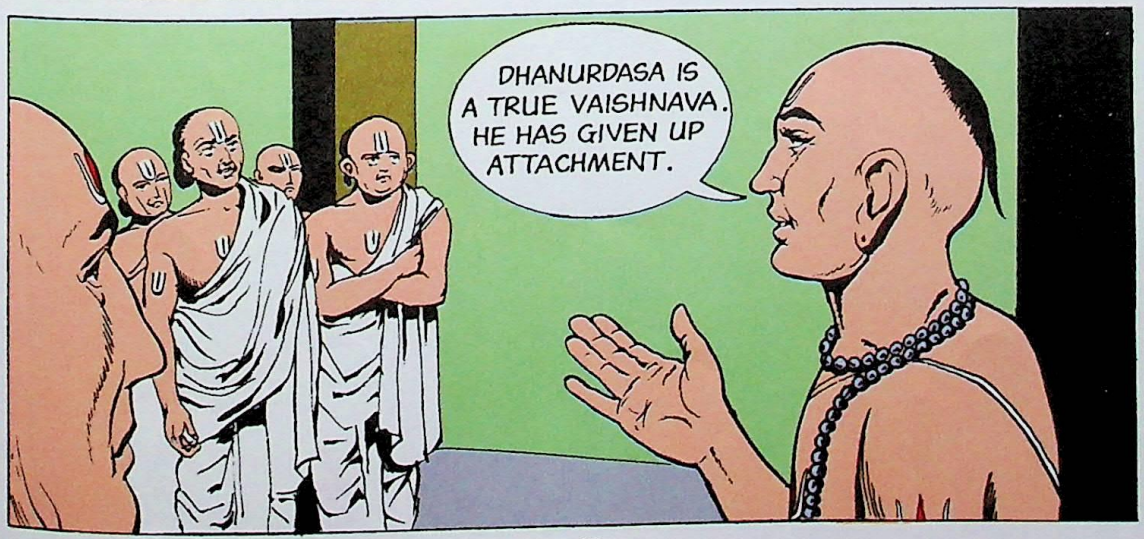

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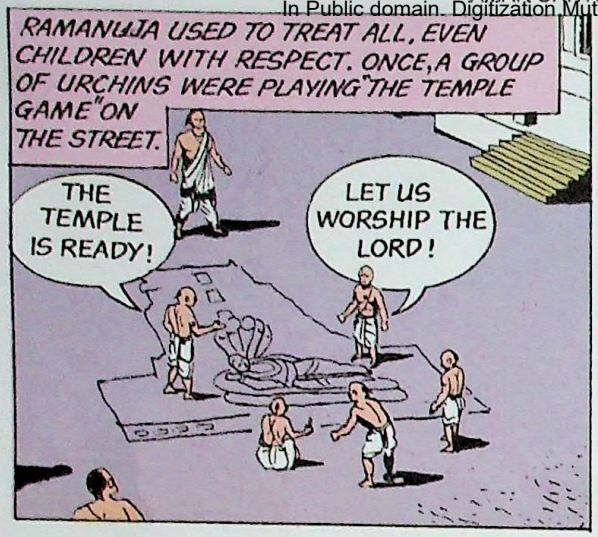

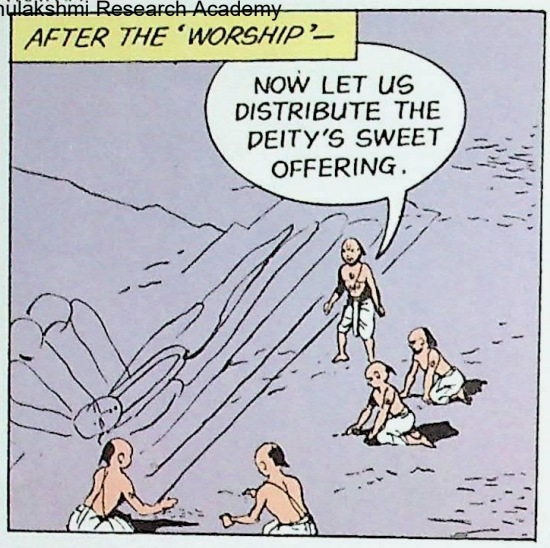

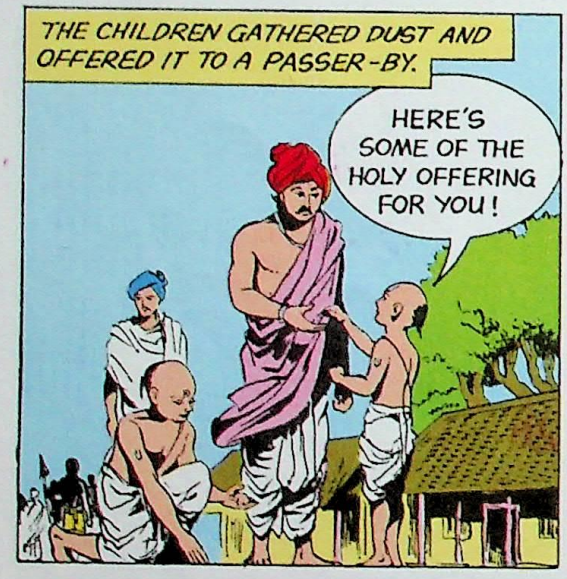

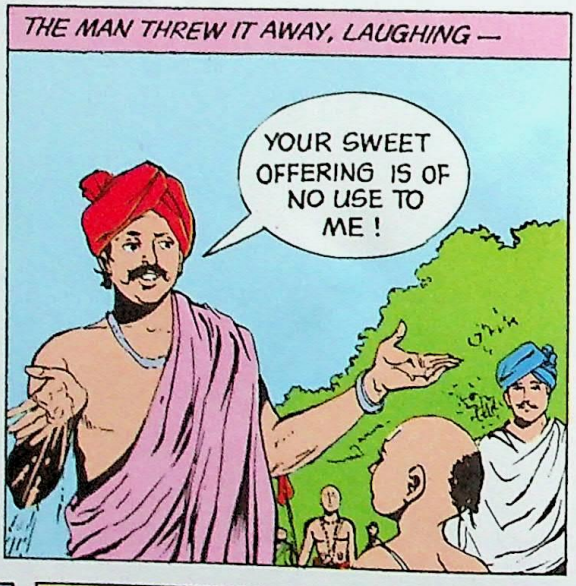

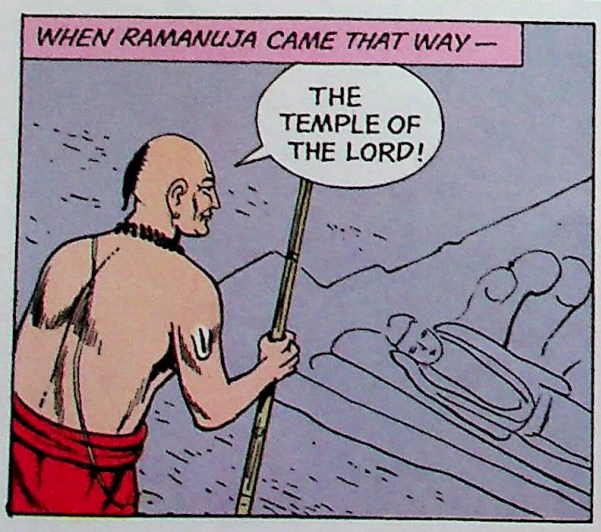

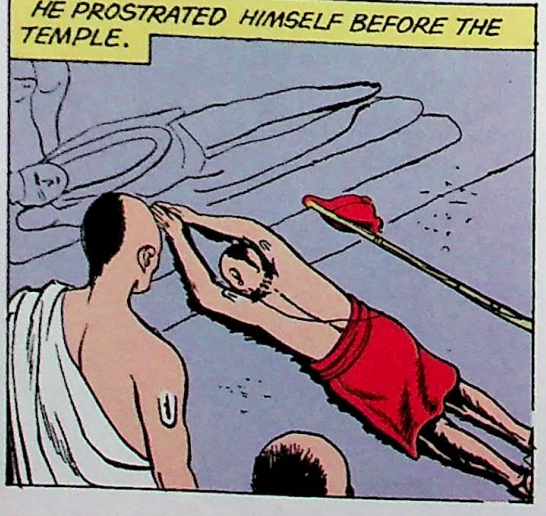

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THE DISCIPLES WERE SHOCKED.

WHY, IT WAS BUT A PICTURE AND THEY WERE PLAYING A GAME.

IT MAY LOOK LIKE A GAME TO US. BUT THE CHILDREN SEE GOD IN THIS TEMPLE AND, THEREFORE, *HE* IS HERE!

LATER RAMANUJA WENT TO TIRUPATI ON A PILGRIMAGE.

LORD VENKATESHA!

WHILE HE WAS WALKING HOME FROM THE TEMPLE —

WHAT'S THIS? A MAN PUTTING HIS HAND INTO THE MOUTH OF A SNAKE?

IT'S YOU, GOVINDA!

JUST A MOMENT! I AM REMOVING A THORN WHICH HAS GOT STUCK IN THE TONGUE OF THIS POOR CREATURE.

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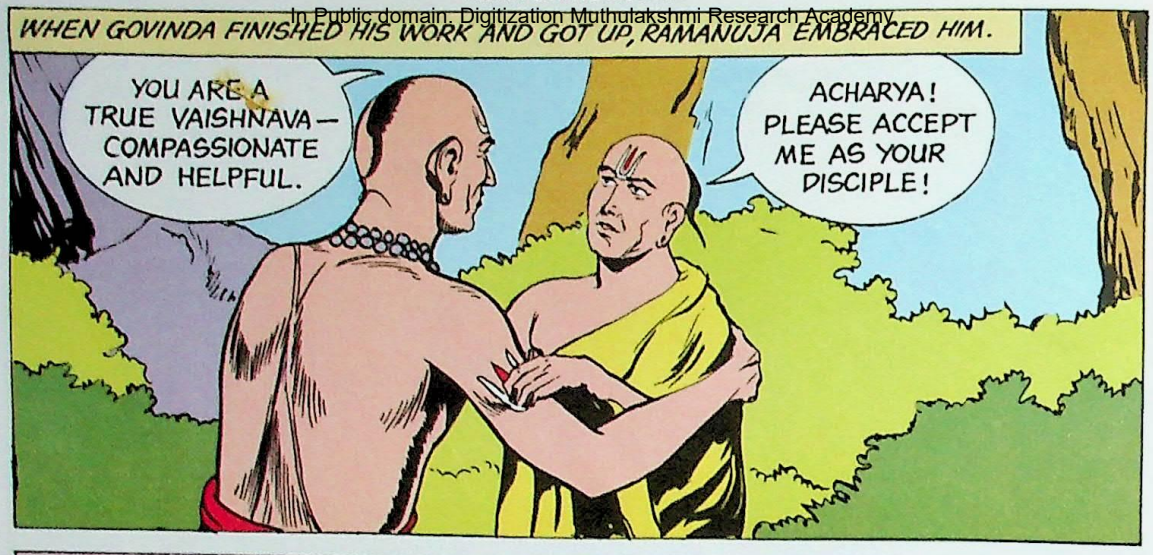

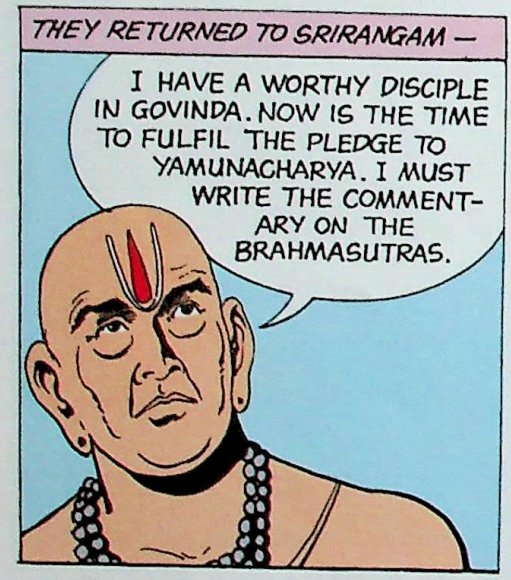

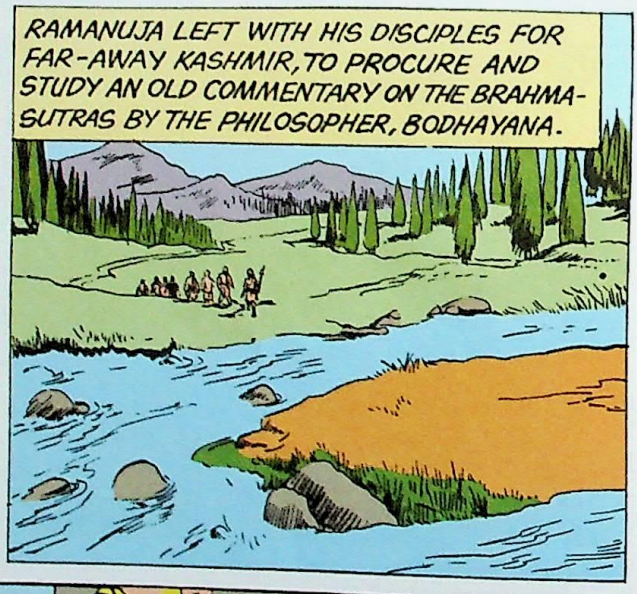

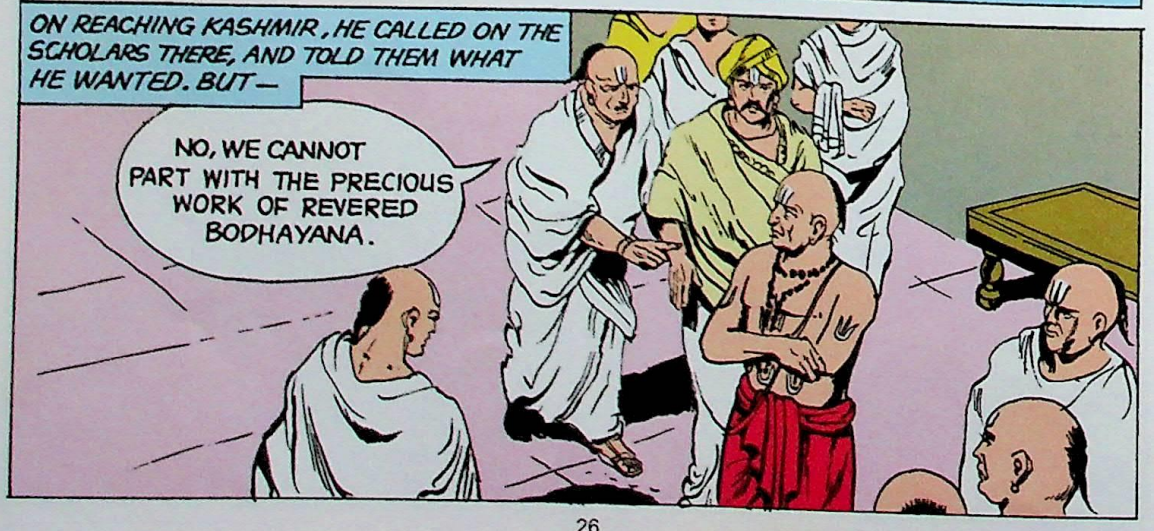

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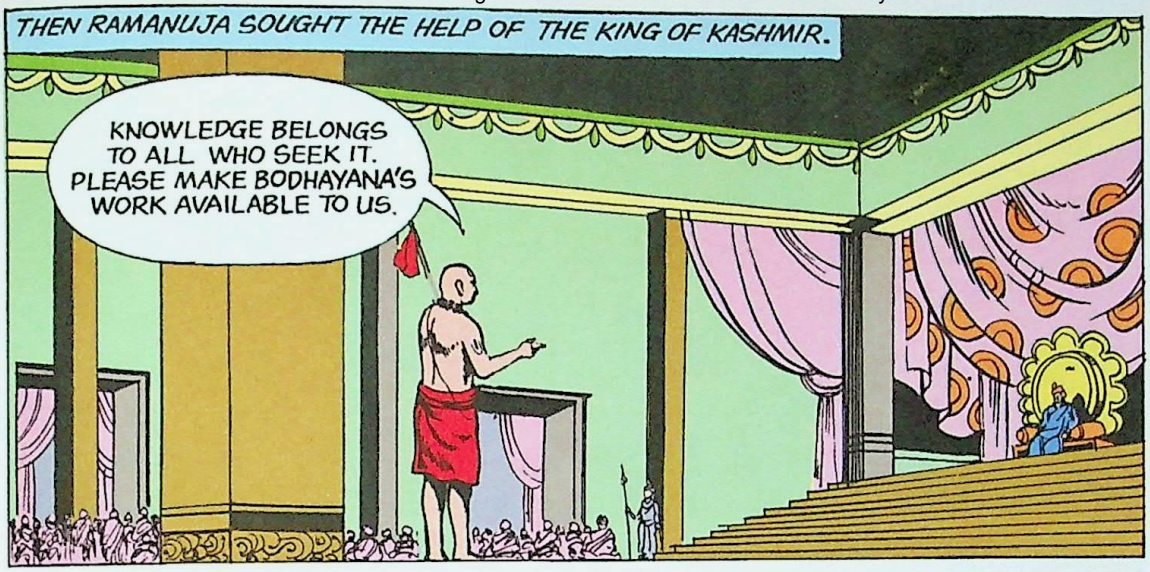

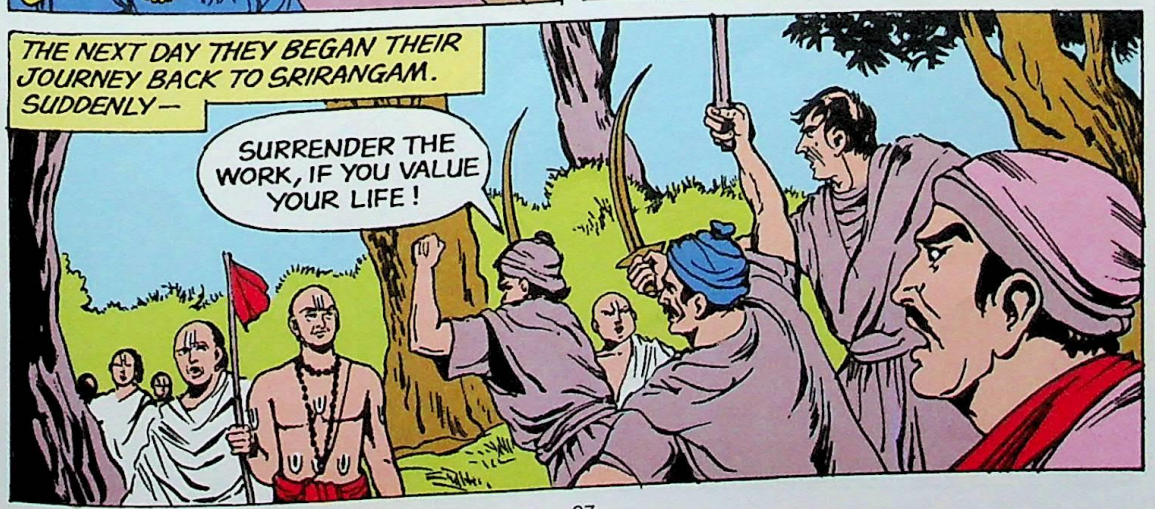

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THUS THE PRECIOUS WORK WAS TAKEN AWAY BY FORCE. BUT—

ACHARYA, DON'T WORRY. I SPENT THE WHOLE NIGHT READING IT. I HAVE MEMORISED EVERY WORD.

HOW GLAD I AM TO HEAR YOU SAY THIS, KURESHA!

AT SRIRANGAM, KURESHA MADE A COPY OF BODHAYANA'S COMMENTARY FROM MEMORY. RAMANUJA STUDIED IT AND WROTE 'SRIBHASHYA', A COMMENTARY ON THE BRAHMASUTRAS.

RAMANUJA ALSO WROTE "VEDARTHA SANGRAHA," A WORK ON THE UPANISHADS, THE 'GITA BHASHYA,' A COMMENTARY ON THE GITA, AND OTHER WORKS.

WHEN RAMANUJA WAS SEVENTY-NINE YEARS OLD, HE HAD TO LEAVE SRIRANGAM AS THE KING HAD BEGUN TO PERSECUTE THE SRIVAISHNAVAS.

HOWEVER, HE RECEIVED A WARM WELCOME IN THE HOYSALA KINGDOM IN KARNATAKA. KING BITTIDEVA HIMSELF RECEIVED HIM.

MASTER, MAKE KARNATAKA YOUR HOME AND BLESS US.

BITTIDEVA BECAME RAMANUJA'S DISCIPLE AND ASSUMED THE NAME VISHNU VARDHANA!

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* THE MODERN MELKOT, NEAR MYSORE

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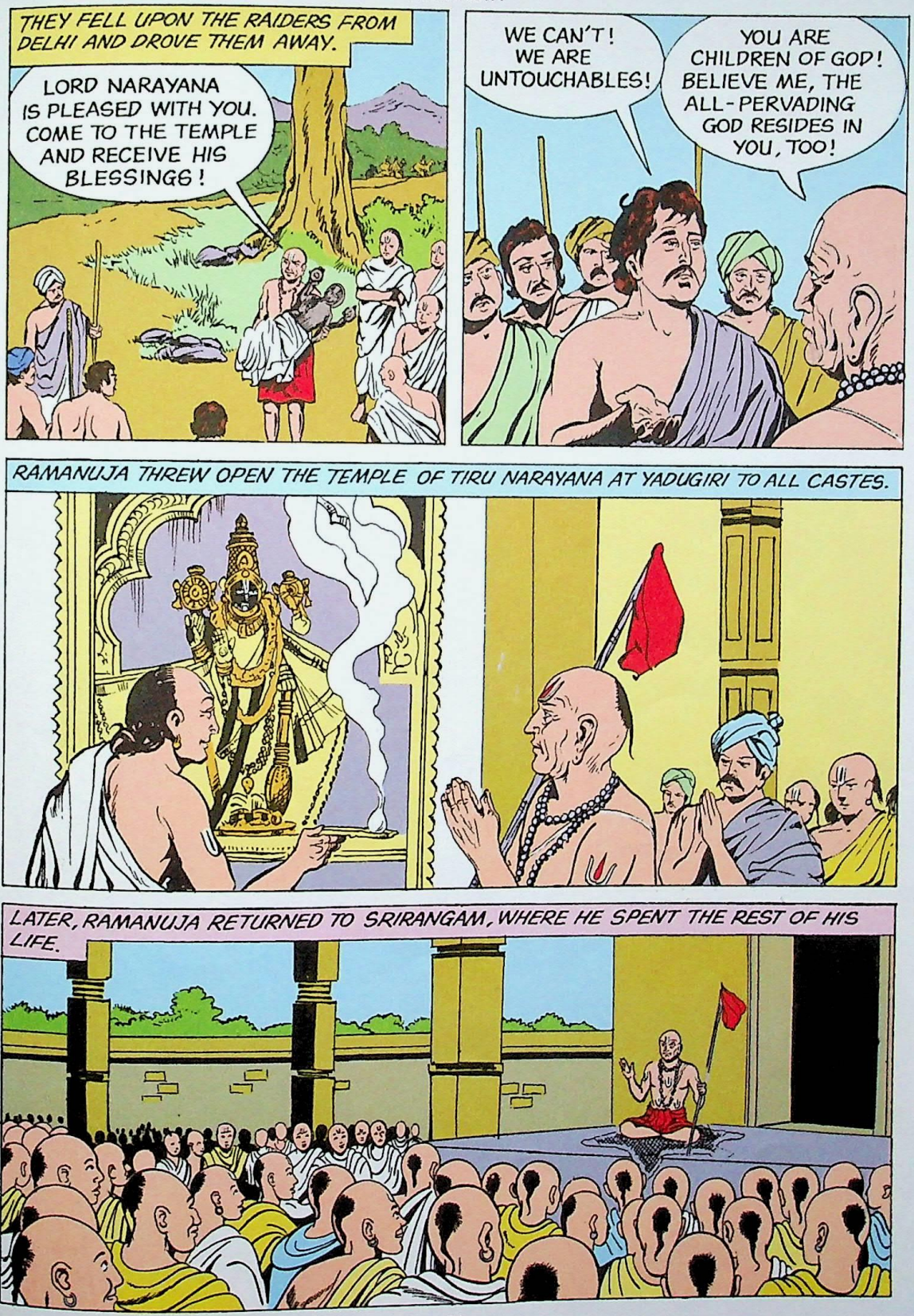

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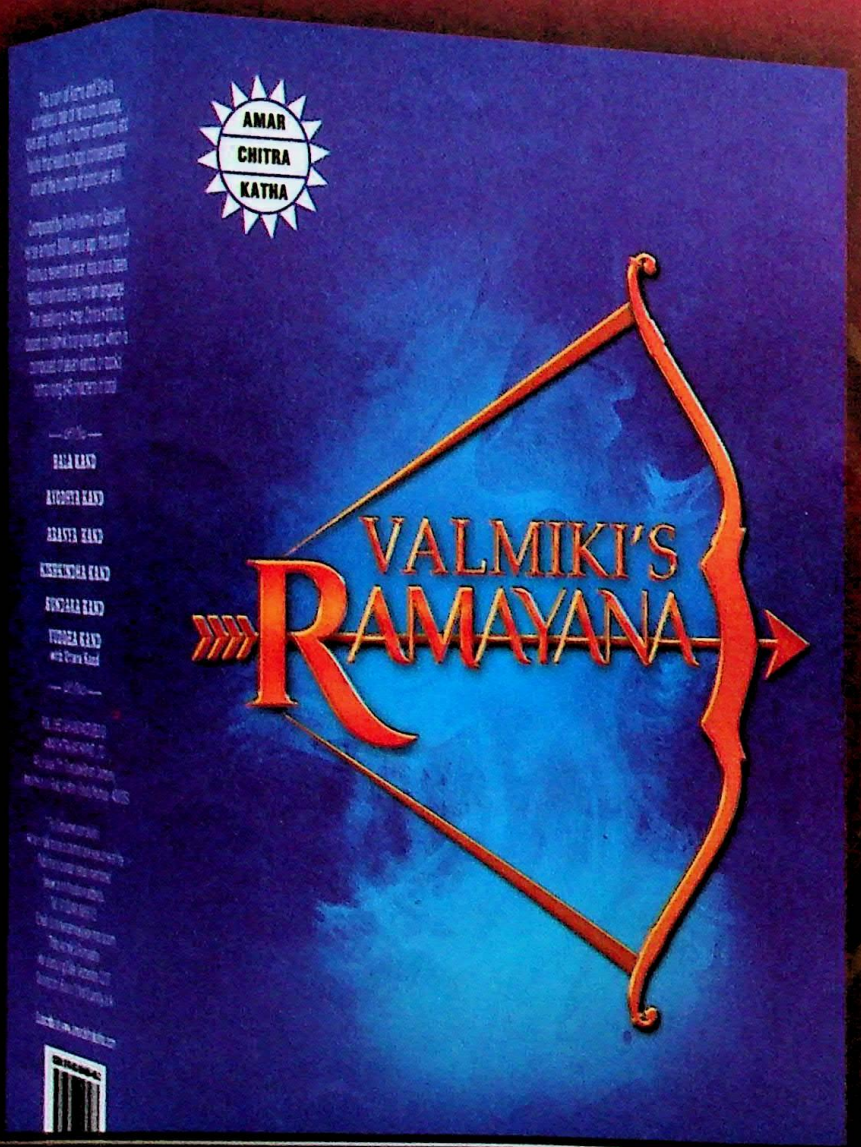

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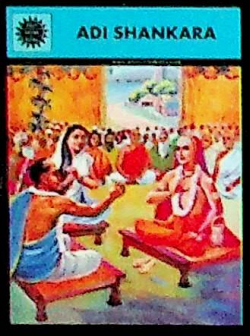

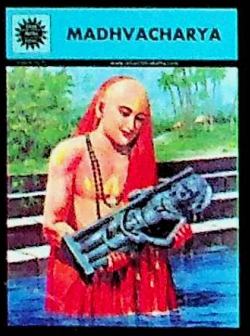

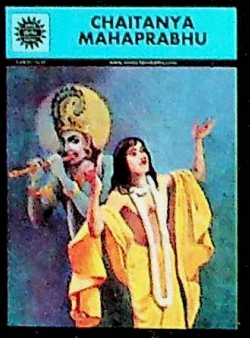

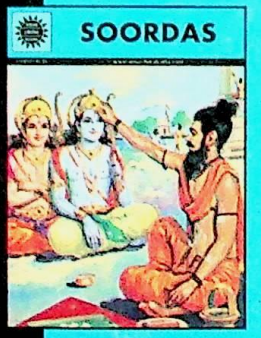

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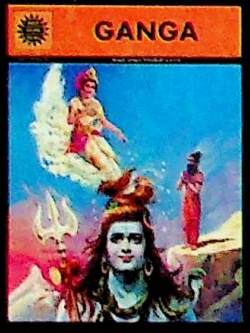

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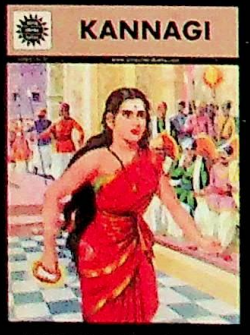

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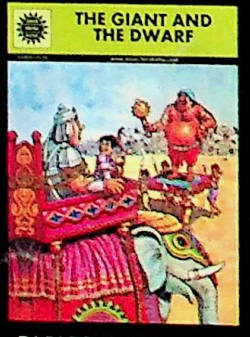

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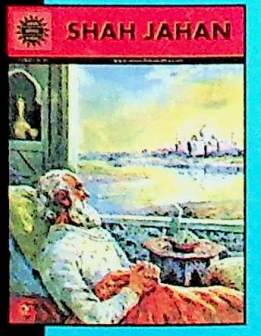

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